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Dear Miss Bannan:

If I have to thank you for anything I wont write. We are trying so hard to get letters off to the people who sent boxes last year beside the one hundred and twenty-five we received this year. Of course some of them it is a pleasure to write but today, for instance, I had Mrs. J.P.Jewel, Bennington Kan. with a list of about a dozen things, marked old, poor, and very poor, five new washcloths, How could I find anything to rave about in that. Didn't know whether they were an individual gift or what not and it takes too much time to tell all of them about whaling and the coffins on the tundra.

It took all of Sept. to get caught up for the sleep we lost in August writing letters. In the meantime we opened all of our boxes making complete lists of everything, have everything sorted out and put away so much better than last year. Mollie (Mrs. Greist) has spent hours sorting buttons. Furst is sewing them on cards while staying in bed for awhile. The beads are in little boxes, ready to put into bags.

Jane made up seventeen layettes while it is warm enough up stairs to work there. For two Fridays Mollie, Jane and Helen have carried piles of used clothing to Mothers Club to be divided up among the different families. Last year we gave it at Christmas time.

Had the house all cleaned too before October fifth or rather by six P.M. It was Mrs. Morgan's birthday so we had all of them in to six oclock dinner. Our first gatheing since the Trindells (new teachers) came. Mrs. Morgan had our family on Doctor's birthday, Sept. 17th. We were all sorry she hadn't asked the Trindells too when we learned Mr. T's birthday is the same as Doctor's. Hers is Feb. 22d, the day before mine and Mr. Morgan's the 26th. Last year she had us all there and thinks she will again as she will not be equal to having company on either of the holidays. (Mrs. Morgan expected the stork around Christmas time)

We like the Trindells very much. She takes things a little more seriously than we do; he has a sense of humor. They are cultured and interesting, having spent 28 years in China as teachers and missionaries. Joseph is eleven and is very bright, plays the piano beautifully, somewhat egotistical but then he is only eleven.

Mrs. Greist's people in St. Paul sent two bolts of Cretonne, quite cheap but one piece is very effective; quite a bit of yellow and black, so with our two bolts of canary voil from the Love Co. our window in the dining room looks like the sun was up. I ordered plenty of double extension rods and got them. We used the full width for drapes and they hang clear to the floor with the valance across the top. A fern that is very healthy looking, a pretty begonia on the shelf on a level with the window ledge. Last but not least our beautiful geranium, which is one of the prettiest I have ever seen. (I sent it up on the Northland last summer) It had five large bunches of pink blossoms on at one time. Mollie said I did everything but take it to bed with me. I would carry it around to the different rooms for them to see. Joe from the East, who had typhoid, never in school a day in his life, said when I stepped into his room with it "It is beautiful".

While Neta was here, the day she went home (with a new baby of course) I

invited Nely to eat dinner with her. I placed the geranium on the side of their table. I think so much of Neta. They copied all of the names in my S.S. books for the quarter she mended a number of spreads and finished a baby quilt that needed to be put together.

We have had eight babies since June 13th, still more to follow. Joe's Nellie, Harriette, Marie Brower, and I forget the others- if there are any.

Dr. and David are living at the Manse. Mrs. Greist goes over part of the time to get things started or sometimes to finish up or bake a pie. Doctor has been very busy as usual getting things ready for winter The coal is still on the beach, The men are all inland counting the reindeer even old Jobe is out there fishing. Sent us 13 pounds today.

Wednesday morning there were several whales playing around out in front of the hospital. The few men who were here were soon out in their boats with schoolboys to help. Roxy went too; his crew got a whale seven miles down the coast. The flag went up about two oclock, different ones told us four or five miles away, so Jane and I started out. We met Roxy and he told us seven. We gave it up but kept walking on. Finally Flossie and Forest Solomon caught up with us, after walking on awhile we gathered driftwood to build a fire, had coffee and doughnuts. By that time it was almost dark but the brighter the campfire burned the more we wanted to go so we did . It was two miles on the other side of Noonavok. The girls walked back but I came in the boat got in at six A.M. I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

Two weeks ago the Government sent an airplane up from Nome to take an insane man out Ahyakeorak. He was sent home on the Boxer far from cured, beat up his poor old wife several times. We entertained the three men: Cliff Allen, Creamer and Graham; they brought us much mail, A boat had come in just before they left. The spicy news is that Mr. Evans is married to Carrie, Martha's mother. I am disappointed in him.

It is now midnight so good night. A Merry Christmas to you.

Sincerely

Lillie B-

Barrow

Well, Christmas is over and we all have had a very extra fine holiday time, thanks to the friends of the homeland who have sent in so much to us. This year the Hemsings' relatives sent their boxes early and after the program at church, on Christmas Eve, we three came here and opened the gifts which had accumulated in this house, then later we went to the schoolhouse and did the same thing and I assure you we all got much more than we deserve.

The children last year nearly tore the church down when they were there to practice so the teachers and I began about a week before the 24th to try to teach them how to act over there even tho it was Christmas time, and when they were taken over to practice they were like lambs, so they are teachable. It was fun to watch them when Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrived and went stalking up the main aisle with a big bag on Santa's back, an armful of dolls and a full hand bag in Mrs. Santa's possession and a boy in tow with a large carton of gifts. When they had finished distributing those gifts some of the people, who had not received a gift, looked around for the rest of the bags or boxes and great relief was shown when Mrs. Santa marched up on the platform and uncovered a lot of tubs, boxes and bags full of more packages. All I did this year toward the program was to help find "pieces" and teach the older girls and some women "The First Novel". One of the women had two little girls beside the baby on her back, another had one baby and the third had a three year old girl and a year old child on her back and all the children trailed up on the platform with the mothers when it came time to sing the carol. The fathers never for an instant considered keeping the children while the women sang!

Some of the men had left for another round-up at Teller and the rest went the day after Christmas, so I did not try to have the older people take part in a play.

This year we had lots of decorations for the church and some of the boys and girls helped decorate after Prayer meeting the week before, so we had the pleasure of having Sunday services in a decorated room and it really seemed warmer with all the red and green hanging around mixed with the tinsel, which is so pretty. All summer tree ornaments have arrived in every mail but the tree I had last year from Barrow was a misfit so Mrs. Greist asked me to return it, which I did. The Boxer left Barrow before they could get another tree ready to send down. When it comes I shall be ready to load it with all sorts of very pretty things. I had a small tree at the house which I decorated and enjoyed. There is something very satisfying about a lighted Christmas tree and I enjoyed mine several evenings.

Christmas day I had dinner with the Hemsings and stayed a few hours then came home, lighted the tree, played the carols on the vistrola, then settled down and read two Christmas articles. I had often wondered why the tree is used at Christmas time and happened to find an interesting article on that subject and another on the Star of Bethlehem. I had a very lovely time this Christmas and I hope each one Outside did too.

Early in December two white men came here to see our natives about the round-up at Teller and they brought us some letters. The Loman herd was lost and it was thought to have joined ours and of course had to be separated. The tenth of the month the mail carrier arrived with a little more mail and in a few more days Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Stanford University, came. They had been appointed by Mr. Hoover to investigate the Government schools in Alaska to give the children tests and all that sort of thing. We expected they would be here at Thanksgiving time. Soon after they came one of the school boys ran in and said "Two white men just came by dog team." I asked if the mail carrier was one and he said "No; one a woman."

That evening I was invited over to the schoolhouse for dinner and to meet the new arrivals and it was a pleasure. We have some mutual friends and the Andersons were in Russia for some time not long ago and told us lots of interesting things about that experience. We see so few travellers we must act like half-wits when someone does come. There is so much we want to know and we seem to get a good deal of pleasure out of just looking at other white people and hearing them talk. All visitors stay at the schoolhouse and pay board, as has been the custom for years here but I help entertain them too. Mrs. Anderson came in to meet the women of Club No. 1 and to watch them bathe their children. Then another time she came in between tests she had to give and I was just ready to take a layette to a new mother and baby so she made that call with me. She said she would be glad to meet the women of my church in Palo Alto and tell them about conditions up here and how I am situated. One evening after dinner here Mr. Anderson played my records and commented on the fine collection I have, so you friends who have contributed toward that may now puff up. I have been certain of that for a long time.

After the guests went on we had to hustle for all we were worth to get our things ready for Christmas- for me 170 gift bundles made up from the mission boxes and 165 three pound bags of peanuts, popcorn and candy. My church had sent in a lot of cloth bags to use for that but it seemed to me best to use the paper bags as they were all the same size and each person got exactly the same amount. Mrs. Hemsing wanted to make bags for their 42 children, so after the contents were eaten the bags could be used to carry the books back and forth and I gave her some of mine and I used the rest for different groups of women and girls. This year the natives got such a lot of things that I kept back some very pretty tarlton stockings which had come from a Wisconsin Society and will use them next year. Each stocking had a gift and candy was sent, also corn to pop, to fill the stockings.

With all this hustle for our Christmas happiness, the inventory of all Government supplies had to be taken and, if possible, sent to Nome by the 5th of Jan. Of course I had to count the pills and all the rest of the medical supplies and put in one afternoon and several hours of the evening on my part of that job. Mr. Hemsing went to Teller the 26th and was to mail the copies there, as planes go there often. Last year we did not have to hurry so with it but now we are glad it is out of the way.

Since Christmas I have been calling on the natives, as I had neglected that the past two months. I still have five calls to make but the weather has been so fierce we have all gladly stayed at home as much as possible. Since the first of November the weather has been very cold and stormy and I hope the January thaw will soon begin so some of the rest of us can get thawed out too. The new new door has been put on the north side, just around the corner where the wind keeps the snow swept away all the time. The old door is about covered up with a drift now and I have ceased shovelling.

At Barrow a native's house caught fire around the chimney and Mr. Sylvester, the teacher, saw the crowd collecting so he ran over with a fire extinguisher before they cut into the roof and put the fire out. The native who owned the house, Long John, did not thank him then so a few days later when Long John was at the house Mr. Sylvester said "Well, Long John, I ran over and put the fire out for you the other day and you never thanked me for it." "No," replied John, "no thank um teachie." Mr. Sylvester then was determined to get John to thank him so he said "If they had cut into your roof and poured in snow and water it would have spoiled your house. I saved you all that." Still John kept silent. "You better thank me John." "No, no thank um teachie; that what teachie here for- help native." I guess these natives feel the same way about their teachie and in all native villages the missionaries are thrown in with the teachers. If they appreciate all that we do for them we seldom hear of it

Since the holidays five natives have thanked me for their gifts which came from the mission boxes and just two have spoken of enjoying the program. They had a feast at the church Christmas day and as one of the women was leaving the church I happened to be going into my house and I asked her if she had had a merry Christmas and she very happily called back:"Well I should say!" So I am certain they did enjoy everything and also just as certain they wont mention it.

The Mothers' Clubs wont meet until it gets warmer as my floors are too drafty for the children to play on it after a bath and well I know the bath business at my house would end if a child caught cold after one. The materials were all used up too and the women would have nothing to do, so I decided to let them rest until later on and have the girls, who are not attending school but are waiting to be married, come in once a week and try to give them a pleasant time. I cannot have the two groups and in this way it will be better as the women fish for tom cod from the time they arrive in January until the ice goes out in June. Fishing seems to be a job for the older women.

Things are getting pleasanter for me right along. For over two weeks I have had to go down to call at a home where the mother and a three year old boy were both sick. The whole family has seemed to appreciate everything I did, and yesterday, when it was blowing a gale and colder than any weather we have had this winter, the father came up and said "It is very bad today. I will take care of the folks and you stay at home until it is better weather. Do you need snow in the tank? What can I do to help you now?" There was not much for him to do yesterday so he came again today and insisted on helping. So I let him bring in some snow then open a case of kerosene and bring in one can of it and he was delighted to help. He said as soon as it changed he wanted to go to his trap line and then he would not be able to do chores. I know there is not another native in the village who would have come to ask me to stay at home because it was stormy but some last winter did come in to shovel out and empty the ash can. I think other white people who have been here the last few years have not been friendly toward the natives and they want to be friendly toward us but somehow do not seem to know how to manage it

The mid-week prayer service has been held at my house since Christmas, as it is too cold to try to heat the church for just one service. We now have Sunday School and the prayer service, which usually is held in the evening, immediately afterward in the morning; it makes us all more comfortable and also saves fuel to have the two services together.

I have just finished reading Giants In The Earth, which was sent to me last summer, and as I read of their blizzards, snow and intense cold and all that I felt like saying "Same over har", only we NEVER get to the state of not being able to find plenty to do. The natives are busier in winter than at any other time, as they have to gather driftwood for fuel, going miles to get it, go sealing and attend to their traps. We are as busy as we can be all the time but very thankful too that we can be busy and that we are so well and able to work. I enjoyed the book very much; it seemed very familiar to me.

Anne Bannan

Copy to Dr. Montgomery

Wales, Alaska, January 16

Dear Doctor Greist:

The January mail got in here yesterday and I had a letter from Mrs. Greist, Miss Bailey, Kate Allen, Waldo Bodfish and Patrick, of Wainwright, so I sort of feel as tho I had been up North visiting.

We have been having real winter weather since November- blizzards for three or four days then maybe one day when the snow did not blow and it was foggy only part of the time, then another blizzard and very cold all the time. We got precious little snow until in December and even now there is little on the level and the drifts are like solid ice in certain parts of the village. The snow is not piled up as high around the north and west sides of my house as it was last year. The natives have not been able to get drift wood down the coast as often as usual because the trail was so poor over the mountains and the south wind has not come to make the going good around the cape. The natives do not try that trip until the ice is just right. Some of the natives are pretty cold now.

This is going to be a long story, so get comfortable.

The Loman herd completely disappeared from its old pastures around Teller and in the summer the herders and one of the chief Loman men came here to try to make some arrangement with our men to get 3000 deer from our here until they could replace them. Their boat was due to Teller at a certain time to take out the carcasses and they simply had to have some to send. After one grand pow wow the Wales natives allowed them to drive part of the herd. In Dec. the Govt. Reindeer Supt. and a Loman man came up again with a fine proposition to offer these natives. They offered them the use of their plant at Teller also the salt and all those things free, if they would drive down the whole herd for a general round-up. At that time their herders and ours could separate the herds and mark the deer that needed marking and then butcher 2000 deer. The Lomans cannot butcher this winter because their deer strayed off. I guess they have to make up in some way to these natives while there is still time. At first our natives would not hear of such a thing but finally they agreed to do it, as of course they are standing the expense of herding the deer belonging to this whole section. They were to get the deer down to Teller before Christmas but the deer did not want to leave around Shishmaref and it took a lot of time to get them rounded up and headed toward Teller. Then our men went down. Mr. Hemsing felt he ought to be there to see that these people get a square deal, and some of the younger men had to go to help butcher as well as some of the best workers among the older men. Yesterday the Road Commissioner and his assistant arrived an hour or so before Winton did with the mail and said so far the men had butchered just one day, on account of the bad weather.

Some of the men said at first that they could not go because their families did not have fuel enough to last them three weeks, the time set at first that they would have to be away from the village. I told Mr. Hemsing I could let the native store have two tons of coal, if that would help them out and he very gratefully accepted the offer. The Native Store had kept its coal until this deal came up with the Lomans and then let the ones who were rounding up the deer have ten sacks each for their family and that took all the coal. If I had not come to the rescue the men could not have gone and we all expected they would make quite a bit of money, before the weather got so disagreeable. Now, of course, no one can estimate anything regarding the deal. The Lomans said they would ship out the deer, sell them and divide the expenses 50- 50; all our natives had to do was to drive them down, mark and count them and butcher their own deer. The Company would do the rest. It seemed as tho the Native Store ought to clear $2000 at least.

Possibly you remember Paul, Mazonna's son, who married Stella, a widow. He has not been well and keeps spitting blood every little while, altho the Northland doctor said he could find only a slight congestion of one lung. The Sunday after Christmas Paul sent a note down asking if I had a spare sack of coal; he had no money and no fuel; his step-son had taken all the dogs down to Teller to get them fat and he could not get drift wood etc. I wrote back and explained to him that in letting the N.S. have the two tons I could not spare more. Last winter he did the same thing and I explained then that I could not give away the Mission coal: I had no one to get wood for me after the natives had taken my coal and no dogs either to haul wood with: I had to treat every native alike here and if one got coal they all had a right to ask for it etc.etc. I think he deliberately planned to work me for his fuel while Chester was at Teller. I sent him the note but told the boy to go the Manager of the N.S. Dwight, and let him read the letter first, and if he considered that Paul's family should get any coal because Chester was with the herders, I would let a sack go. In a little while back came the boy and said Dwight said they could have a sack and I let him take it. In another short time Dwight came in with a note he has written for the boy to bring to me, telling me the coal should be kept, and not given away as fast as possible, as the men might have to stay at Teller longer than we planned. He did not thimk Paul should have the coal then. Well, of course he had to change his mind after he knew the boy had lied about the business and had already taken the coal and by that time probably had a fire.

Then George Ootanna, whom you will remember well, asked Dwight about coal, saying he had to go to his traps and his adopted daughter and her child must have fuel. George has the best dog team in this section of the country but evidently he did not want to take the time to go after the wood. Dwight told him he could not have it, as he did not go to Teller. In a couple of days George went away to his trapping grounds and recently Isabel sent to Dwight for coal and we did not give it to her. I did say to Dwight if George would replace the coal when the new stock came in Isabel could have a sack now but she has not taken it. It is awfully hard to know the natives are so cold but the coal is not mine and unless they can replace it, I do not see how I can keep the whole village warm, especially when some of them wont even try to supply the fuel which is lying around on the beach at Tin City and down ~~the~~ coast.

The mail carrier, a white man this year, got to Lost River and was held up by storms one week, then he got sick and went back to Teller where he is now and Winton, Dwight's brother, brought up the mail for here and Shishmaref and will return to Teller with mail. Winton was waiting to butcher so he was glad of the chance to earn some money but his dogs are just skin and bones. Most of the Wales dogs are very poor.

Last ~~October~~ fall Robert Mayo, who has been here since August, 1929, asked for a loan of $20 from the N.S., saying he was going to get married and wanted to go to Teller on the Boxer. The Boxer came and went, the Northland dropped anchor here twice and still Robert made no effort to go to Teller. When the Northland was here in October, I took pains to tell Lewis that the captain probably would be glad to marry Robert and Esther, (Oxereok's daughter) and they would be saved the trip to Teller. The natives all went out on the boat but there was no marriage. Later the Boxer came up for the butchering and still Robert did not appear or mention getting married to the captain. Right after Christmas I began calling at the homes and I went to Robert's and there was Esther lying on the bed all curled up like a kitten. I said "Hello, what are you here for?" and of course, got no reply. I supposed she had dropped in, the same as I had, so I chatted awhile and asked Robert to write about the Christmas celebration and let me send it out to the Board to use for Sunday School work and he agreed to do it. I went on about my calls. Then I began to wonder about some things. I mentioned to Mrs. Hemsing that I had found Esther at Robert's when I called and she asked if I

thought they were living together and I said I did not: Robert was too far advanced for that. B t Blanch called on Mrs. Hemsing a few days later and she asked Blanch about Esther and Blanch said she had moved down to Robert's house and stayed there all the time. Mrs. Hemsing said quite a bit to Robert, hoping Blanch would repleat it, and she finished by saying "Well, when Mr. Hemsing returns he will have to marry Esther. We cannot have that way of marrying in this village now." Blanch replied "Some But Robert does not marry them." Which makes us think this is not the first time this has been done by said Robert.

In a few days Robert dropped in to give me the article which he had written and I asked him to sit down, as I wanted to talk with him. I asked if he and Esther were living together and he replied that they were: he could not get to Teller and Esther moved down and he hated to hurt her feelings by telling her to stay with her parents. I asked how long the natives here have had teachers and missionaries and he replied " Forty years." Then I said that he had put the whole village back that length of time by going back to an old Eskimo custom,which was not legal; if he, one of the most intelligent natives in the village and also the best educated one, did such a thing what could we expect from the rest of them. Living this way was wrong, a sin,and I felt that after the teaching they have had they should by this time want to do the right thing instead of dropping back to the past and following customs that had been given up when Christianity ~~had been~~ was brought to them. He said he knew he was doing wrong; that he was as much to blame as Esther and he had told her he would right that wrong just as soonas he could. Then I said to send Esher home to her parents until they could go to Teller but he did not want that. I said I was going to talk with her parents but he was anxious for me not to do that, as it seems he had sent a note in the fall to Esther's mother asking if he might marry her and the mother sent him word she did not want Esther to marry him. Later she reconsidered and sent word he might marry Esther. I assured the young man I was going to talk with Mrs. Oxereok as she was a professing Christian, she always got up and gave her testimony and prayer at each meeting and she should at least try to live right and also try to get her children to do the same thing, instead of allowing them to go backward, as she had done. I did not scold but I was certainly very seriously and frankly told Robert I was very disappointed in him,as he has read so much and understands things so much better than the other natives. Robert is lazy physically but alert mentally and he is nearly thirty and he has been able to read and study much more than any of the other natives, so naturally more is expected of him. Later Esther's brother came in for Prayer Meeting and as no one else had arrived I talked with Charles and explained things to him very fully and he never answered me until I told him I wanted him to tell his mother and father just what I had told him, which was what I had told Robert. That was Thursday evening a week ago and on Sunday the mother and everyone but Robert were at church and the mother gave her testimony and prayer as tho nothing had happened. Robet, who has been interpreting for me since Lewis has been away so much, gave his quarterly to Dwight and asked him to interpret the Sunday School lesson, as he was not going to be there. When Dwight dropped in to go over the lesson he said he wondered why Robert did not interpret. I replied that I supposed his conscience would not let him do that and that I was glad he felt that way about it: until he did the right thing, I had rather he did not interpret. I would not have told him he could not interpret, as he is the best one in the village and it is a great help to the rest of the natives when he does that. However, I felt if he decided not to do it, I was pleased not to have him. After church Paul dropped in "To get warm" and he said "I wonder why Robert was not at church this morning; he is in the village." I gave him the same answer I gave Dwight and both of those men seemed quite surprised to find that Robert was criticised at all in this matter.

In the fall, at Nome, Peter Ibiana, the husband of Fannie, found a native woman who agreed to come up here and live with him but as she was tugging

away trying to get her suitcase and numerous bundles and belongs to the dock, the launch left and took the Wales natives to the Boxer, so she was left behind. He went to Shishmaref to spend Christmas and I wonder if he has found someone up there who will come down and live with him. He has not been in to call on me yet and we have been good friends.

Esther had a child shortly before I came here in July, 1929, but it died after a few months. At that time her parents and the teachers tried to get some one to marry her but failed.

I have wished someone more experienced in this work could be here to advise me in this matter. I have prayed often and earnestly about it. It seems to me the natives have little desire to do the right thing if it interfered with their wishes or ideas. Naturally, after their former experience with Esther, the family of Esther wants her off its hands.

Peter planning to do the same thing shows the natives here have little regard for the law. Dwight told the Hemsings that he helped Peter to get to Nome because he wanted a wife and when they returned from Nome and Dwight told them about Peter staying in the boat and letting the woman get all her stuff down to the dock, the Hemsings asked if they were married in Nome and Dwight said "NO." Mr. Hemsing remarked that Peter could not bring a woman up here and live with her unless they were married. This was a village which had had Christian teaching. I tried to make Robert and Dwight feel that they had some responsibility in this village as well as I: that all I could was to teach them the right way to live, giving the Bible references for that, but it was up to the natives to heed the teaching. That it was a waste of money to send teachers and missionaries here if the people really did not or would not profit by their teaching.

So you see I have seased to worry about baptising the children here and now I am fussing about marrying the parents. Someone told the teachers that Ed Francis and his wife are not legally married and there is no record of it among the school records. I asked Lewis if they were and at first he said he did not know then he said "I think they must be." The one who told the teachers said the Bear stopped here once and the captain was going to insist on that marriage but Francis lit out for the herd and stayed there until too late for the Bear to call in again. That is all I know about that- just hearsay.

I am well. The Andersons who were appointed by Mr. Hoover to investigate the Government schools of Alaska have been here and spent four or five days. They expect to get back to Stanford in March and may go to Barrow next summer. I think they are not favorably impressed by the natives and they think the school system is all wrong, but they are making their investigations and tests and really trying to understand everything that comes up. At Kotzebue they had sort of a meeting in re Missionaries and tithing etc. While the Andersons are not inclined toward religion for themselves, he said he thought it was a fine thing for the natives. He said here that he had no idea such a system could be built up among the natives as the Friends had actually built. The merchants complained that the natives were tithing and last year they had turned in over $3000 to the church there but that they had not paid their bills at the stores and they had even sent money away to China or some other foreign country and that was the straw, evidently, which broke them all up. The Kings hastily left, after getting in their year's supply of provisions, and flew to Nome then out on the Victoria. No one had learned why they pulled up stakes so suddenly. Mrs. Samms, who was with them on the Victoria, was to go to Kotzebue. I liked her better than I did Mrs. King but I also liked both of the Kings.

Wales, Alaska, Jan. 20/31

FEB 17 1931

Dr. A. J. Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

My dear Doctor Montgomery:

I am sending my order for supplies with this letter, as the mail is so late getting out of here this month. Storms have delayed everything.

Not Coleman

I must make a few comments regarding some of the supplies. Last year Coleman generators were sent here and I could not use them. The light was not clear and flickered constantly, so after trying one, I sold the dozen to the Native Store and ordered six generators which belong to this lamp.

Aviation gasoline

The gasoline, Texaco, which was left here this year is better than the Crown, as it keeps the lamps cleaner and I have had to use fewer generators and mantles but the cans are so thin they rust quickly and leak. There is a cap to remove at the top of the can instead of a spout and some gasoline is wasted each time any is poured from the large can. Aviation gasoline comes in painted cans but they have a spout. I understand the cans are ten cents more each but that there is little difference in the price of the gasoline.

Last year Pastry flour was sent in and I do not need that kind. I have plenty of cornstarch and can make all the pastry flour I need. The "all purpose" flour makes much better bread.

Libby

May I have the Libby brand of sausage and corned beef; it is so much better than the Morris brand which was sent last year, and the Libby corned beef was ten cents cheaper.

I had to borrow a coal hod from the teachers as the ones left here had disappeared and they have asked to have the hod returned this summer before they leave.

The lamps which came in 1929 were minus one white shade and the teachers loaned me one. It is impossible to use those gasoline lamps without a shade. I presume the clerk who did the lamps us did not open the cartons but took for granted they were complete. The shade is listed at $1.50 but, unless they deducted that amount from the bill when told about the missing shade, they should replace it. At last the lantern is working as it should, after a great deal of fussing.

I have made the list as small as I could again this year. I have canned vegetables left over from my first supply, so I will get along. If you have to cut the bill cut out one barrel of wheat flour but not the lime juice and grape juice, as they help the boiled snow water so much.

If you send the molding and paper for the floors I will pay for it, as neither is very expensive and between the floor and the base boards I can put my fingertips in the opening and much cold air comes in that space. The molding will also keep the linoleum in place, as it has not

been tacked down. Dr. Greist got some metal strip and tacks to use but that never would hold over the seams so I have kept rugs in the places where there was the most danger of one catching his foot in the seams. Natives do not lift their feet as we do.

I understand times are very hard in the States and that money is coming in very slowly to the Boards for work, so I am willing to pay for the paper and molding, if you send it.

I asked for paper to cover the outside of the house, if possible. Lewis said the shiplap on the old mission house is of redwood and good so that can be used to cover the house, if you feel that work can be done next summer.

I have asked Dr. Greist to come down on the Northland in the summer and stay until the Boxer goes back, usually three weeks or a month. There is much for him or someother minister to do. We ought to have two more elders, as Lewis is away so much of the time he can do little. This summer and fall he has always had so much to do at home or the native store it was impossible for him to accomplish much anywhere.

Sam's house was torn down but nothing was done except to take the redwood lumber for the partition to the church and the outside boards were used to board up the square room in the hallway here and for boarding up part of the coal shed. There is good flooring enough to put a new floor in this hallway next spring. If Doctor comes down he can attend to that work, or at least get it started right.

I had a door (the one in Sam's house) put around the corner on the northside of the hallway and the wind keeps the snow swept away and that new door is easy to shut, so it is much more satisfactory than the other one. From the outside it was next to impossible to shut that door, especially for children.

I am sending you several copies of letters and a mimeographed sheet Mr. Dahle sent to me recently from Chishmaref, which I think you will enjoy.

When Mr. Anderson, of Stanford, was here he asked me what our Board intended to do with its equipment at Gamble. I replied that probably sometime a full time worker would be sent there; that I had offered to go. He said a certain doctor, whose name I cannot recall just now, had been up in Alaska then went Outside but returned as a teacher because no medical job was open then. He had been a Y.M. worker and was a very fine man and he liked work among the Eskimos. Mr. Anderson was going to try to get him transferred to Gamble because that place is isolated and this doctor can do research work in such a place. Mr. Anderson thinks there is so much disease among the natives that they must be cured of that before they will make much progress mentally.

Mr. Anderson said he expected to be in New York City some time in the spring or early summer and he wanted to talk with you. I assured him you would be glad to talk with him about the work up here and the people.

Mr. Dahle wrote that he felt the Andersons were doing a much more thorough job of investigation than any of the others who have come for that purpose during Mr. Dahle's time up here. He seemed to think well of the Friends at Kotzebue, which is not the usual opinion. He said here he would not have believed it possible to build up such a system among Eskimos as the Friends had done and he was glad he had been there and found ~~it~~ out about it for himself.

Mr. Anderson said that he was going to recommend to the Government that along the coast doctors and nurses be sent and make headquarters in certain places then make trips out from that base and thus visit all the villages in certain districts at stated intervals. I think that would be excellent. Last summer the Captain or the Officers of the Northland said that the Government could place good doctors in these villages at less expense than it took to send the Northland around for several months during the open season. Mr. Anderson also thinks that the hospital at Nørvik, which has been abandoned, should be put in good condition and be used for a T.B. hospital for this section of the Territory and thus get these cases out of the native homes and give the home folk a chance to get well and keep that way. At present there is no place to send such cases.

I think you will find Mr. Anderson an interesting man but he is not religious and, unless he has changed his mind, he does not regard the Eskimos very highly. But he is well informed and very intelligent and I think he is seriously doing his best to help everyone. He was at Shishmaref three weeks, on account of weather, and here five. He had planned to be back at Stanford by Christmas time but when here he said he thought he ought to be home by March and then take the trip to Barrow next summer. He asked me if I thought the Hospital at Barrow was doing much good and I assured him I certainly did and told him quite a bit about the work there.

I wish I could think of the doctor's name. I wondered when he was speaking about the man if he would do for Barrow when the Greists go Out. He is married and has a fine wife. The fact that he wanted to get back to Eskimos and would take a position as teacher when he could not get a medical one, indicates to me that he is worthwhile. I wish I could work with him awhile to increase my knowledge and wisdom. He might be willing to have a practical nurse around if he could not get a trained one.

Referring to the coal again that had been left here by Dr. Greist: When I met Arthur at Nome I asked him if there was any coal here before the new supply came in and he said "No." Therefore I do not believe his report which he sent to me without my asking for it. While I was home I got a Northern Cross from Dr. Greist in which was a letter from

Arthur, stating they were not holding services here in the church because there was very little coal and they could not heat the church. Surely with eight tons in the bin here they should not have suffered in a cold church! I think it was dealt out to this one and that one of the natives and never returned. Mrs. Waldhelm thought Arthur had probably kept himself comfortable with much of it too. Nothing has been said to me about the two tons owing from the Bureau of Education. Mr. Robinson, this Supt., was very annoyed when Mr. Hemsing brought up the subject of Mission coal to him after we got here and he tried to settle Mr. Hemsing by writing "Why are you bringing up that subject now; it has been closed for some time."

This is a long letter but I have at last decided to pause. With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Ann Bannan

Wales, Alaska, Jan. 21/31 FEB 17 1931

Dr. A.J.Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Doctor Montgomery:

Last evening Mrs. Hemsing told me what she had learned about buying supplies during the recent visit of another teacher. I had taken my mail over to the postoffice and after I got home I looked my want list over again and want to make one change.

Instead of a case of Snowdrift in two pound cans we can save quite a bit by buying a 50 pound drum of Crisco.

I am sending youtwo letters from the North which I think you will enjoy. Fred Ipalook is Percy's brother and a very fine young man. Flossie of course you know. Do not return them I have just answered both. I have written only 70 letters for this mail!

Hastily-

Ann Bannon

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Wales, Alaska, January 26, 1931

Miss M. Josephine Petrie
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Petrie:

What a splendid, good letter you sent me in November and which got to me the 16th of January. I was so busy with all sorts of things before the mail left I did not try to answer your letter for the mail this month. Now we hear that some of our natives have to go back to Teller to finish marking and butchering reindeer and Mr. Hemsing, our postmaster is going to send mail down by them, so we are busy again with letter writing.

I wrote only 72 letters, which means that many separate envelopes and that nearly everyone contained from one to three enclosures. Said enclosures were copies of my general Christmas letter or some other interesting native letter. When the mail left I counted the remaining unanswered letters and greetings and found I still had 50!! Hereafter please do not ever wonder what I do with my spare time; nearly every bit of it is devoted to letter writing.

I have sent everyone who sent anything in to us this summer, except Miss Scott, a copy of my letter etc. to let them know what we did and all about everything. I thought Miss Scott would get that information thru the letters sent to you or the Board.

Wasn't that statement in the Gift Shop about elephants in Alaska amusing. It is interesting to learn what different people say or think about conditions up North. I am greatly indebted to two friends in Green Bay and as both play cribbage, I decided to send each a little ivory cribbage board. One wrote back at once upon receipt of his board and wanted to know what they were made of. He said they looked like ivory, but he had thought of whalebone and some other things but he really wanted to know. He is a very intelligent lawyer and one whom I worked for about seven and a half years before I went to California. As smart as I am, I fully expected we would all have to live in ice igloos and I simply could not imagine what the hospital would be like at Barrow. The day before we got to Barrow, Captain Cochrane said "Tomorrow morning you will see your future home." I said "But where is the ice?" I had been on the Bear about a week and had not seen a speck of ice and I could not imagine being so near the North Pole and not even see ice. The captain said, "Thank the Lord we have not seen ice." Of course I kept still and did not explain what I had in mind, but I assure you I was a surprised dame when I did not see ice igloos with natives pouring out of them.

I am very sorry you have decided to leave the Board. Just because some of the others have had nervous breakups, is no reason why you should. Maybe you take your work differently and have learned that "Quick adjustment to the inevitable brings peace and power." I hope you will reconsider and stay on. When you do decide to have a breakdown come to me and I will get you busy along another line and cure you quickly.

I should think it would be difficult to get someone to take your place. When one has held such a position for [illegible] readily

worked it up, someone else will find it hard to enter into it and carry on.

I think your assistant must be a brave woman to enter matrimony. I hope she will be veryhappy.

I note what the California woman said about Mrs. Wickett getting whatever I want. I wish I knew who she is- not that I have in mind to ask her for anything but I have never heard her name mentioned. The new Corona is limbering up at a great rate and I am liking it too. The action has been unusually hard and my other one was so very easy I have found this one hard to type on for any length of time. The church friends sent me the nicest lot of Christmas gifts, notes and greetings. I am very glad I belong to them because they are wonderfully kind to me.

I got the November Women and Missions magazine this month and read of the lack of funds etc. and I wonder if I wont be looking for work next summer too. Everyone writes of the hard times and the unemployment all over the country. Our poor President Hoover has my most sincere sympathy and my earnest prayers. Friends in Palo Alto wrote that he looked twenty years older than when he went into office. If anyone is able to guide us thru the storm, it seems to me he is that one.

I think I wrote I was going to have an organ Arthur left in his house. Well it was brought over but it would not make a sound. The organist, a native, came and took it all to pieces and thought he had it repaired but it would not liven up. Again the organist came with his brother and they both worked diligently for hours but in vain, so the organ was sent back home and after Christmas, when the church got so very cold, I had that organ brought over as no one could play on it in the church this winter. Please do not try to get another organ until later on. I have written to my church to ask if I may sell the new rug which they sent inlast summer, as it is too fine for this place. If they consent and want to put the money into something else for here I may suggest an organ. Mrs. Waldhelm wants to buy the rug.

I am sending you a copy of my last letter from Miss Bailey; it came in this month's mail. I thought you might get a better idea of things up there from her letter. You have no idea of the constant demand on one's time in the North. Letters take such a lot of time. The mission boxes take many hours more and then the bundles which are made up for the natives mean hours and hours of sorting and then getting the best lot for each person. All that has to come after the regular day's work or duties are done. Here where I have about 164 bundles to make up, I spent all the extra time, after my work was done and between interruptions, certain days working on the gift bundles and several times worked until morning- once until three A.M. At Barrow they have so much more to do and also many more bundles to be made up.

When I was there a certain Eastern church society- I believe one in Philadelphia- used to send in hospital supplies every second year and their boxes were very fine and complete, with a good deal of the very best things. Miss Mueller used to say she wished she dared to write to them and suggest a cheaper grade, which would do as well. So much is sent it to this place, I presume the ones you wrote to knew they did not need anything and had so many letters to write your letter was just laid aside until

something was wanted.

I know when I was at Barrow someone from the Board wrote several times to me urging me to write to my church etc. I had a list of 11 to whom copies of a general letter were sent five times the first two years, about four the third and three the fourth. Besides that I wrote all of those friends from one to five personal letters each month and many more. The Guild, Pastor and others heard regularly from me. I did not bother to reply to that person's letters after I had once explained that I was writing regularly. I did not have the time. When I was at Barrow everyone of us had a typewriter. Now Doctor is the only one who has one. Mrs. Greist used to use his occasionally but he probably has it at the Manse now and she lives at the hospital so has to write every letter longhand. I used to type one general letter and send it to a friend who had it mimeographed and sent out from Castilleja School, Palo Alto and that was a very great help, but each mail out took from 40 to 60 or more personal letters of mine.

You asked what I need in the bandage line. I got quite a lot of adhesive tape and bandages in my mission boxes and the Bureau of Education sends in a good quantity each fall, so I do not need anything in that line. I would like to have a set of encyclopedia of some sort. If you happen to have a friend who has an old sent lying around in the way, please get her to pass it on. All we have here is a good dictionary- Funk & Wagnall's College - which does not give all we happen to want to look up. I can think of nothing else I am in need of at present, thank you.

Personally, I cannot see how a Ford can be used to any advantage up North. In 1926 Captain Backland took up an old Hudson Six of his and left it with his storekeeper, Dick Hall, at Wainwright. Dick has a store three miles or more down the coast from Wainwright and when the sand on the beach was hard he would drive up but he could not go on the tundra as it is so rough and there are many big holes and gullies everywhere along the ~~ø~~ tundra near the coast. The tundra is like a marsh that has partly dried outside. Dr. Greist is able to turn his hand to any sortof a job and do it well: he has fitted himself for the sort of work he has to do. He is a hard worker and spares himself very little. I wonder often if he will ever come out.

Of course you were jokingabout the boat crew bringing in sugar, fuel etc. for their fudge but it sounded very muchlike a certain lady who was at the hospital my first two years there. When Miss Mueller wanted to make fudge she had to buy the sugar and when I wanted to give Mr. Rasmussen, the Danish ethnologist, some oatmeal cookies to take on the trail with him I had to buy something to replace those ingredients. Also when I went to Wainwright by dog team the first spring I was there, I had to buy two cans of carnation milk to take along, in spite of the fact that I was supposed to get my board from the Board. ?????

The Northland brought up a huge box of rugs and such things from a San Diego S.S.class and the Captain told me to tell my friends who wanted to send anything up here by freight to send it on the Northland and just write to The Executive Officer first to get the date of their leaving. Their truck would get the boxes and take them to the ship and deliver to me. The second time the boat stopped here I had written and asked the Doctor's help again and the boat was anchored off shore all night and until after nine next morning. Half an hour after it left a girl came with a swollen face: a tooth had been aching but she did not come near the doctor while he was at

my house. Then another girl came in with a bad tooth. All this after I had announced in church several times that whenever they saw the Northland anchor here for everyone who had an ache or pain to come running to my house! We had to get the lame, halt and blind lined up when the Boxer came down from the north so they could go to Nome and the captain refused to take them but he got the Northland to return for the third time and after holding clinic here the doctor took all the dental patients out to the ship and worked several hours. The Captain complained to Mr. Hemsing that our natives were very slow in getting out to the ship and so on and on. The officers said that they seldom got to such an out of the way place more than once during a season and they said the Government could hire a doctor for each village along the coast cheaper than to have the Northland stop at each one once a season. When I apologized to the doctor because he had to come the third time, he replied that they had to put in the time until the Boxer got out of the northern waters and might as well be here as anywhere else.

Well, I think it is time I quit or you will wonder if I am wound up. If you leave your position I trust you will instruct your successor to write to me about all the odds and ends of things which I want to know.

Today I had an odd experience. One of the small school boys had come near having a fit in school and Mr. Hemsing told him to go home and sent two boys with him. Last year this same boy did the same thing only when he got out doors he sort of revived and walked home all right. This time, however, he got worse and as he got to the church he could not proceed. One boy ran back to Mr. Hemsing who told him to get Earl into the first warm house and then send for his parents. Instead of that they got a sled and hauled him home and on the way a finger froze. I knew nothing about it until this afternoon when a note came down stating Earl had a sore on his finger maybe it was frozen on his way home. Well, I knew he had fits off and on and I decided to go up and see what was going on. In one of the boxes this summer a big muff came which matches my fur coat and, as no native would use such a thing, I kept it and I have enjoyed using it these cold days, as I can hold it up to my face when it gets cold. Off I went and got to the igloo, having fallen only three times. All the snow is polished like a mirror by the constant driving of snow over it by the wind. The parents admired the muff and I finally sallied forth again but down I went and I got up and took a few more steps and went down again and that time the muff flew away and then the wind drove it down to the beach. I went after it but I hurt my leg so I was some seconds getting started. In the meantime a girl who has walked part way to the igloo with me saw the muff scampering away and she started after it. On they went with four small boys and me after them. There is a pressure ridge about a quarter of a mile out at sea and I did not know how close the open water was to that. Finally the girl disappeared and I saw the smaller boys turn back but one kept on coming and I asked him if he could see Mary and he said he could not so we went on. I knew the men had been sealing out there and I feared she had dropped into a hole where the nets were set. As we climbed up the ridge we saw her reaching out to get the muff, which was in the water and caught on a piece of ice just beyond Mary's reach. I called to her to come back, as it was very slippery and the wind was blowing hard: I was afraid she would fall in and be carried off. So we three walked home, facing a cold east wind and muffless, but we had plenty of exercise and fresh air.

My Girls' Club is coming along in fine shape and Mary is one of the girls. With many of my very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Ann Hamner

P.S. I wanted to ask you about the Schulte's Book Store, 80-82 Fourth Avenue, New York/ In the Record of Christian Work I found an ad. and I thought I would like to ask someone first about it before sending for a catalog and then be pestered the rest of my life by their literature. I thought I might get some secondhand books. Postage is no more from New York here than from Seattle or Kobe.

Wales, Alaska, Feb. 2/31

MAR 17 1931

Dr. A.J.Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

We are expecting to send mail to Teller as soon as the weather clears so I amw riting again.

In your last letter I note what you say about freight-getting it in once a season. We get freight here every time the boat comes with mail. It is not like at Barrow. The Silver Wave brings passengers, freight and mail twice a month from Nome and usually the first trip is made the latter part of June. Last summer the boat arrived about midnight June 30th and the last trip was about the middle of October.

I made a mistake in naming the kind of popcorn I wished. I asked for Little Buster, which was not good and it was sent in the first year I was here. Last year the corn came from Schwabacher's and it was large kernels and popped exceptionally well. So in my list please cross off Little Buster.

I can alsoget along with two slabs of bacon instead of three. The Government allows me deer free of charge. Last year we had such warm weather in January the meat I had spoiled (deer) but there has been nothing soft about the weather of this winter, so I have meat that is frozen and in good condition, and the meat sent in does not have to be used often.

Robert and Esther finally borrowed dogs and went to Teller and were married a week ago, for which we are all duly thankful.

I cannot tell you what a blessing my hotwater tank has been this winter; it has kept the dispensary from freezing up. Some days the pan of water, which I had to keep under the pipes next to the tank, would freeze. Now we have new washers on the pipes and there is no leaking.

Last Sunday we took a sack of the coal which came in the past summer over to church and while it burned it gave out no heat. I will have to have it mixed with some of the coal which came up in 1929, in order to get it used. I am using a good deal more coal in the house this winter than I did last, simply because we have had such very cold weather constantly since the early part of November. I spend most of my waking time in the small kitchen, which is easy to heat but the fire in the living room is kept low. I will have to have coal for next year.

I let the Native Store here have two tons of coal and I have written about that. There is a bill of over eighty dollars at the store for the Mission- longshoring the coal last summer,repairing the kitchen chimney, shingling the coal shed and finishing the hallway, reapiring hall roof,windows, puttying all the windows of the house, enclosing the shed and hallway,putting floor in part of hall etc. For some of the labor I paid fifty cents an hour,then thirty-five. When Theodore came to putty the windows he said he was so slow he thought I ought to pay him only twenty-five cents and I gave him his dinner each day he came. Then Dwight, the Native Store Manager, said he thought as long as the Shishmaref natives were giving their time to build their new church and manse, these natives ought to work for their mission for thirty-five cents an hour. Since then I have paid that and given the noon meal. Dwight had not made out the bill yet but I shall probably be able to send it in the next letter.

I wonder which way you prefer to have me handle the loan or return of the coal borrowed this winter. Shall I ask them to apply it on our bill or shall I have them return us the coal? They would allow the mission the retail price.

Mr. Dahle has the church over their living quarters and I noticed in his little paper he said they had twenty tons for the year's supply. Our men got Sam's house torn down and most of the lumber was brought down and what I did not use in the hallway and shed has been piled in the church. The partition was not attempted. Lewis has been away most of the winter,coming to the village for a few days about once a month.

If this house could be papered outside it would save coal,even tho we do not get it covered with shiplap, ~~and this were done.~~ I was talking to Paul the other day about using the shiplap on the old mission house and he said "If that is taken off the whole house ought to be torn down in order to save the rest of the lumber. It is open at the roof and leaking now,if more is torn off it would rot faster."

I know that times Outside are very hard and you may not be able to keep this mission open another year, but I am mentioning these things so you will understand conditions here. If the natives have a very extra good walrus catch next summer,they might be willing to pitch in and tear down that building without pay, except meals. They were not paid for tearing down Sam's house but lots of men's underwear came in the mission boxes and I am giving each man a suit of that. Some records came in which I think they will want and when the last suit is gone I shall give records to those who did not spend much time on the work of wrecking the building. They will know their work is appreciated, at least. Next summer we may get few mission boxes, but I can give those who help most the best things. I mean what they need most from what comes in.

Thank you for what you said regarding me and my work in your last letter. I assure you I appreciate what you said. I realize I have a good deal to learn and to get before I am a perfect missionary, but I am earnestly striving to become more worthy of the job I have.

With best wishes I am,

Yours truly, Anne Bannan

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Wales, Alaska, Feb. 15, 1931

Dr. A.J.Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

MAR 17

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

I am sending a copy of the list of supplies I have asked for. There is one change and that is a dozen cans of salmon instead of a half dozen.

You will note I have crossed off the generators. I had to write to Hydro-Carbon Light Co. about the lantern which was sent in with the two lamps. We simply could not make it burn the first year I was here. When I sent the money for the six generators to the company I wrote about the lantern. I got a reply but no generators, so I immediately wrote again about them, as they did not mention having sent them, and explained the necessity for sending them at once. Evidently they sent off two packages. I have written them that I am writing you and that they will be paid for soon. Please do not send any more in this year, as I shall have enough. Generators are $3.00 for half dozen

I also enclose the bill for the Mission and my own bill to the Native Store. I added seventeen dollars to my bill, to cover a bill for postage at the postoffice. Please have it taken out of my salary. If there is anything you do not understand about the bill please do not hesitate to ask me about it. I hope you will not think it is too large. I am very glad I had the work done on the hallway, as I think the house has been much more comfortable this winter than it would have been otherwise. We are having a very hard winter.

This morning the church was very cold but in spite of that we had a splendid service- two infact, Sunday School and Prayer Service. They may not be all I wish they would but they certainly do pay attention while I am speaking.

I have had several surprises in the medical work lately. One of the old men froze his fingers while removing seals from his net and when he went to set the net again he dropped a cake of ice on his frosted fingers and he has had a very sore finger for two weeks. He came to me for help, which surprised me greatly, as he is one of the unprogressive natives. He speaks very little English so each morning his daughter writes a note to me and he delivers it. Yesterday morning this is what came;

"Dear Miss Bannan: My papa his finger is nearly alright. He is now good sleep when he go to bed night. He thank God and you. Alice."

The other case was a confinement case and the midwife did as I told her to do last summer when her own little granddaughter bled to death. The family sent for me the other night and I was very pleased to find my suggestion about the cord had been needed. If I can continue hammering away and not lose my patience too often, I will be able to teach a few more things.

I have just returned from the postoffice and I have to add

some more to my bill. Now it is $58.44 and I shall let it go that way.

Our weather continues to be very disagreeable and cold. Everyone is wishing for a south wind for a change. One rarely hears a native complain about anything but last Sunday one said in here,"All winter north wind; next summer south wind all time and then no hunting."

I need a good Bible Dictionary very much, Dr. Montgomery, and I do not know what to order. I wonder if you will please order one for me and have it sent up in the summer. I have to ask someone the kind to order and I want to pay for it myself. If you will kindly order it for me, please send the bill to Mr. B.L.Parker and he will remit at once, or else have it deducted from my salary and I will explain to him.

I have never heard again from the Congregationalists who sent in the first box by freight.

Hoping all is as well with you friends as it is with me, I am

Yours truly,

Ann C Donnan

P.S. The check for donations should go to Hydro-Electric Power Co., 2121 First Avenue Seattle. Six generous ones - 50 each. A 10¢ postage. This letter needs an apology. I have been interrupted every few minutes since I began to write it and it is a mess. The ribbon is now working well. One new machine, which does not help matters much.

February 24, 1931

Miss Ann Bannan
Wales, via Nome
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan:

This will answer both of your letters of January 20th and 21st. First of all let me say that I have read with great interest the enclosed letters of Flossie and Fred Ipalook. I thank you very much for sending them to me.

I am making up the list of supplies for Wales in exact accordance with your request. I have added enough 1/4 round felt paper and building paper for your use, I think. At any rate, enough to make things a whole lot better than they are.

I am calling the attention of Mr. Gould, who kindly acts as our purchasing agent in Seattle, to the fact that you want American Ready Lite generators, not Coleman; also I have substituted Aviation Gasoline in place of Texaco. Also I have called his attention to the fact that you want Libby brand of sausages and corned beef, and that he must not substitute.

I hope that this year you will find everything just as you wish it. I have succeeded in getting a little more money for maintenance so we shall not be as cramped as we were last spring.

Times are very hard in the States. I remember the panic of 1894, and the so-called Roosevelt panic of 1907, but for downright misery, unemployment and need, the present depression exceeds both of them.

As to Gambell. At the strenuous solicitation of Dr. Matthews our Board finally sent last summer a missionary, Rev. D. W. Cram, and wife, to St. Lawrence Island. I had correspondence subsequently with Mr. Cram in which he indicated how glad he was to go. I sent some supplies also to him. I never heard a word from him until within the last few weeks when he wrote me saying that Mrs. Cram's health was such that she was unable to pass the medical examination and therefore they did not go to St. Lawrence Island. This is very distressing indeed. We own a mission building at Gambell, have an inventory of the furniture, etc. but I suspect that when one actually goes there very little of the stuff will be found.

I would be glad to have the name of the doctor that Mr. Anderson has in mind. I have a young man in mind for Barrow to take Dr. Greist's place during his furlough year. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, Northwestern Medical College; has taken his Interne at Bethlehem, Pa; and is now

a resident doctor at Mt. Holly Hospital, Camden, New Jersey.

I regret very much that Mr. Anderson does not like the Eskimo. The Government is just now in the midst of hearings about the Eskimo situation. I do not know what they will do.

With kind regards,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

AJM-VP

Wales, Alaska, March 6,1931.

Dr. A.J.Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

Your letter of January 7th arrived March 1st. Lewis had been at Teller most of the month of February and just as he was hitching up his team a plane got in with first class mail, so Lewis brought ours up. I got only 55 letters. The regular carrier came about five yesterday afternoon and I got one letter and three new magazines.

After my letter had gone I realized I did not give you the amount of the bill for the generators. I had a letter from the company telling me what to do to make the lantern burn better. I will enclose their letter head and the amount of the bill with this.

I also had a letter from Mr. Andrews and he appreciates your letters and help. He certainly has a thankless job but that makes little difference to him.

In yesterday's mail I received the January number of Women and Missions magazine and I have read what Mr. Wilson wrote. Therefore, I have gone over my list again and cut it some more. The article by Miss Voss was enlightening too. I always enjoy that little magazine. I usually read the articles first which have been written by the people I feel acquainted with.

We are delighted to have so much ivory sold at the Gift Shop and we hope to get better things to send in another fall.

I am enclosing my revised list. I have as much curiosity as a bag of monkeys and, of course, I am eager to know the decision regarding this little mission. The chances are that I shall pop before the information gets to me.

Since writing to you, I have had a greeting from the Crams. They gave up their apartment, packed and made all arrangements to go to the Island before they consulted the doctor, who flatly forbade her to leave, so they had the work of unpacking, getting another place to live and other work. Seems to me it would have saved them a lot if they had gone to the doctor first.

So far I have not had the January mail from Barrow; it takes as long to get it here as at the other end of the earth. I am always so interested in the northern mail.

I wonder if you have seen Mr. Brower yet. Miss Mueller wrote she had met him and had a good visit. He is busy getting his book published and I am so interested in that book I can hardly wait until I get a chance to read it.

Sunday I plan to talk to the natives about the work of the Board, using Mr. Wilson's article and some of the others. I want the folks here to understand what the Board does for us and I shall ask them to pray. I want them to realize they have some responsibility in your work too and I hope to make them understand things better.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ann Bannan

Ann Bannan Wales, Alaska

2 Premium Hams 12/24
3 Pieces Premium Bacon
1 case Brookfield eggs
1 50 lb. keg Brookfield butter in Brine

~~4 American Ready-Lite Generators with Automatic File, new~~
PLEASE SEND NO OTHER KIND

6 cases gasoline Aviation
2 " kerosene

1 coal hod
1 glass cutter
1 common galvanized tub, small,
1 clothes line

2 cases 12 oz Happy Home Tomatoes
1/2 " " " Beets
1/2 " " " Spinach
1/2 " GREEN " " Asparagus tips

1 case assorted canned fruit
Happy Home, Fancy, No. 2 1/2

~~1/2~~ doz. cans Salmon 1 doz
Libby's Imported Style Frankfurter Sausage 1/2 doz.
" corned beef 12 Oz cans

1 25# box peaches
1 " " black figs
1 " " raisins seedless baker's
2# citron

6 bottles Ross brand lime juice
1 doz Welch's Grape Juice - pints

1 case Brown sugar C & H
2- 100# sacks Cane Berry Sugar
1 case 18/2 Snowdrift
25# table salt in sack
1# cinnamon
1 8 oz. can nutmeg
25# rice
25# popcorn Little Buster; its excellent
50# raw peanuts 50#
1-30# pail Cream candy
15# stick candy
20 pounds coffee half Hills and half Gold Shield - in 1 lb cans
3 gunnies Centenial Best Flour
1 gunny whole wheat Fisher's

~~7~~ cases canned milk, any good brand -
1 case Albers Minit Oats
1 doz. pkgs Sperry's Wheat Hearts
1 " Puffed Wheat Quaker
1 box Yeast Foam -18 pkgs

~~2 cases potatoes~~
1 case lemons
1 " oranges

Ann Bannan- Wales, Alaska

10 pounds Kraft's American Cheese
6 pint bottles Lilly's Nutro Vitamen

1 gallon Mineral Oil

1/4 round molding for floors
3 rolls felt paper " "

good grade of building paper for outside of house
1 galvanized clothes line.

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COPY of Miss Bailey's/letter to me

Barrow, March 20, 1931

Dear Miss Bannan:

At last Point Barrow is on the map. We have been on the front page for almost three weeks, in all the papers over the country. We have been having a real diphtheria epidemic. At the present time we have twelve cases in the house. Maria Brower went home this P.M. to make room for Beulah. Several times we have had to send hem home if they were at all able. Ned's little Mary came today. I didn't ask but I know they must have put her in with someone else.

David Brower and son Archie, Red, William Solomon, Walter Walton and Rodger are some of those here now.

Sunday, March the first, we had church at nine, then S.S. afterward. I think Doctor wanter to try out his fine new sled Big Jim had made. Doctor, Mr. Trindle and Flossie (also many of the natives) went to the Point to hold servicesp the first time for a year. So few people there any more. Mollie was anxious for Doctor to go so that he would realize he was not equal to a trip to Wainwright. Even tho they had seventeen dogs in their team, he was badly done up afterwards. (Rheumatism) Its a good thing he hedn't gone to Wainwright. After church Herman Fishtail's mother came to get medicine for Herman, for a sore throat. Mrs. G- had them bring him here; she said right away that it looked very much like diphtheria. Said he looked fairly wild and could hardly sit up, altho he had been at church, so of course exposed everyone.

Tuesday Meldon'd florence came; she is still here, couldn't possibly have lived had she not had many units of vaccine- I think 59,000 so far. The next evening after she came (Mrs. G- had gone to the manse) she began screaming, ran in Edna's room, then was jumping back and forth from her bed over onto Herman's bed before Lee could get her back in bed and could hold her in. Of course that was out of the ordinary, but it gave us a scare. Florence was in school on Monday. Mr. Trindle and Flossie brought about fifty of the smaller children over to have them immunized. All work of that kind is done in the kitchen, even to pulling teeth. The vaccine on hand was six years old and not very much at that. They decided to close everything; church, school, trading posts and appointed marshals to guard so that people do not visit back and forth.

On Friday Joe Crosson flew over from Fairbanks bringing 250,000 units, then he came again last Saturday bringing 500,000 more. One day they drove to every house to examine each one. Then last Tuesday had every one come to the Igloo to be immunized. So maybe you think we haven't been had our hands full. We have plenty of help, its having to be so careful about every thing, and nothing to work with. A lot of old cracked granite cups, saucers and so on, but not near enough to serve two things at a time. We pass the food on big trays into the hall, then they use paper napkins on boards for trays.

So far no one is the house has taken it. Cynthia, Irene, Julia, Jane, Helen, Lee and their children Jimmie, Abe and Martha, Mollie and I have all been immunized. I guess Doctor and Mrs. Trindle are the only ones who have escaped.

We have had two baby cases in the meantime. Kate and Tommie have another little girl. Kate was only here six days. Joe Krry's (?) wife came the same day and is still here-almost two weeks. He is such a peach of a fellow; came from the Eastward last summer to get married, took typhoid, was not well in time to go back in the boats and didn't have a dog team. She had autointoxication from great quantities of walrus,sucktuk and I don't know what else. The only nasty case we have had.

Kate Brower is the sweetest and prettiest thing. I told her I had hoped we would have nothing else to do but enjoy ourselves while she was here. Tommie is a darling too. Sorry they are not here all the time. She and the children didn't go back to the herd after Christmas. Now they will have to stay till our epidemic is over with. Marie Brower,David's wife,was one of the first to take it. They have been living,cooking,washing and all in the station,so many were exposed there. If Mr. Brower should drop in he would make a clearing out. He sent a telegram to Mr. Morgan from Ciho to get facts. Then their family had another message a few days ago,saying he was back in San Francisco.

Mrs. Morgan is reporter for the Associated Press; Mr. Hopson for the United Press,then Doctor has a telegram from the Inter Press wanting to know facts,so I'm quite sure from the big headlines and long articles in Fairbanks papers which Joe Crosson brought to us,and from the $1000 gift from the C.T.Pederson Trading Co. that we are getting plenty of free advertising. Wont the letters pour in then?

Mollie and I made a list a mile long thinking we were going to get a letter out with Mr. Morelander in time to have things sent up on summer boat,but when we found it would have to be a telegram,we have decided we will never realize much from the one thousand.

We do so appreciate the airplane coming twice $1500 per trip besides all the vaccine. So far we have had no deaths. Do hope you have not had any of it.

Mr. Morelander (Supt. of that school district) is leaving Sunday. Wont have time to write Miss Mueller; you might send her this.

Mch. 21st. 11 P.M. Just finished reading your letter of January 16th. Going to write all night. Mr. Morelander leaves in the morning at 10. No new developments.

So glad we are to have the new road. Now I know we can run our motor cycle.

Much love-

Lillie Bailey

April 16, 1931

Miss Ann Bannan
Wales, via Nome,
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan:

This will be in answer to the budget of letters which were received from you lately.

We are ordering 20 tons of the best Washington coal for Wales next year. You ask how we would prefer you to handle the loan of the coal that was borrowed last winter. I think that we will leave the decision of that matter to you and request you to decide in the way that will be best and easiest for you. I do not know that it makes any difference in the long run.

Times are very hard outside and from time to time I shall give you information about this subject, but when I do, please understand that I am giving the information not because of the fact that there is any doubt about the tenure of your work at Wales. Your work is satisfactory and indeed a great joy to all of us, and furthermore, because of its remoteness and inaccessibility we would feel, should times become worse so that we had to cut off missionaries, that Wales would be the last place to effect any drastic changes; so as I said the other day, please be easy in your mind. If we should have to close up the mission in the future, you will be consulted about it long before anything is done. We have no thought or purpose at present of discontinuing our work.

You will be glad to know that I am commissioning Miss Josephine Bjornson for St. Lawrence Island. Her brother-in-law and sister are schoolteachers on the Island and she is going to live with them for a year, going in this summer.

We have taken care of all the bills which you sent in; glad to do it.

I greatly regret to say that I have not had the opportunity of seeing Mr. Brower. When I saw Miss Mueller last I told her to be sure and tell Mr. Brower, if she saw him, to come and see me. He testified in Washington before the Reindeer Committee. By the way, I am afraid that the decision of the Secretary of the Interior in the reindeer matter is going to be against the ultimate interests of the Eskimo. I am not saying this out loud yet, until I shall know more about it, but that seems to me to be the case.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

AJM-VP

Wales, Alaska, May 4, 1931.

Dr. A.J.Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Dear Doctor Montgomery:

Yesterday the mail arrived about noon and I have your letter of April 13th. I also received one from Mrs. Morelander giving the name and address which you requested: Dr. Robert Gesell, Buckland, Alaska. In asking her for it I merely stated I wished the information and you or the Board were not mentioned. She said he and his wife had been at Kotzebue for ten days and had just left before my note arrived.

Thank you for the information your letter contained regarding this station. I have not worried about it but I have been curious. For years I have just naturally fallen into work which has been interesting to me and which I have enjoyed doing.

The Bible Dictionary did not arrive in this mail but will probably come in our next which will be the latter part of June, or whenever the ice goes out. I will let you know as soon as I receive it. Thank you for getting it. I see no mention of a bill but I hope you will send it.

We have been having a flu epidemic here since the 8th of April and I have been very busy with the medical work. We had to close everything but I hope next Sunday to have church services again. Two passed on- an elderly woman and Bert, of whom I have written several times. I hope to write about the epidemic later, when I am not so tired and have more time.

A week ago when some natives returned from Nome I received a letter from Miss Bailey which Mr. Morelander brot down from Barrow in March. I have copied it for you as she tells a good deal about the diphtheria epidemic and I think you may appreciate her version of it.

Yesterday I got mail from the Greists which was written for the March delivery, in which they told about their different cases. They both spoke about the trip down here. Of course, Dr. Montgomery when I asked Doctor to come down on the Northland and go back on the Boxer I had in mind the help he could give in getting the natives lined up better, in installing two more elders and all that sort of work which I cannot get done here without the help of one of our own ministers. I realize the expense such a trip might involve. We can keep on here as we have been going the past months. Everything is much more harmonious now than it was and I feel that this epidemic of flu has helped us all more than anything that could have come up. Dr. Greist says he feels he should be at Barrow in the summer time to take care of the cases that are apt to come in from the Eastward. It might be possible when they go Out to stop over and attend to the church affairs then.

I have been receiving the Sunday School supplies right along. A week ago I got a letter from the Good Fellowship Bible Class of Germantown stating they were having a package of Sunday School Lesson papers sent to me and that I was to pick out what I wanted to use here and then fill out the order blank enclosed and that class would see that the supplies were sent up regularly. The lesson material would be out of date but perfectly good. As we are six months behind the people in the states, I thought that would be a fine way for us to get our supplies.

I wrote the Board of Christian Education and explained why I was not sending another order. I presume there are many other places which need their free supplies. I appreciate having received them so long.

I can think of nothing else I should report to you at this time. While at Barrow we used to laugh about the great volumes Dr. Greist used to send to you members of the Board. I often think you must grow weary reading mine. But how will you know what I am up to if I do not take the time to write?

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ann Bannon

Enc.

May 26, 1931

Miss Ann Bannan
Wales, via Nome
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan:

Your letter of May 4th has just been received. I have read with great interest the copy of the letter which you enclose from Miss Bailey. She throws some new light on the diphtheria situation at Barrow.

Dr. Greist will be greatly cheered, I think, to know that we are sending up a nurse this year in the person of Miss Evelyn C. Homedal of Seattle. I have never met her, but her references are all good. Mr. Gould of Seattle met her.

We have sent in a good deal of extra provision for Dr. Greist this year; a violet ray machine, a new mangle, the lumber for the sun porch and some other things.

I am sorry to hear that the flu has been epidemic at Wales, and note that there had been two fatalities when you wrote, an elderly woman and Bert.

I am sorry that the Bible Dictionary did not arrive, but it will surely come in the next mail and if it does not come, please notify me so that I can go after the publishers. There will be no bill. Please accept the dictionary as an evidence of our interest in the work.

You speak about the great volumes that Dr. Greist used to send. Well his pen runs as easily now as ever, but I do not want you to feel that we grow weary of reading your letters. We emphatically do not, and are always glad when we hear from Wales.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

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Wales, Alaska, May 28, 1931

Dr. A.J.Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Doctor Montgomery:

We are expecting a plane in from Nome if the walrus hunting gets good and Mr. Hemsing said he would send mail back by the pilot, so I went to get a few more letters ready.

When Mr. Robinson was here in March he told Mr. Hemsing to let me have two tons of coal but Mr. Hemsing did not have that much to spare so he said he would turn it over when the new supply arrives. I just heard of this recently; Mr. Hemsing forgot to mention it when it was still a fresh incident.

January. When Mr. Robinson was here I had just received the ~~March~~ copy of Women and Missions. He spoke of the change in his affairs and said the new Chief of the Bureau of Education did not approve of the District Superintendents, so he would not be surprised to be looking for something else after a while. We discussed the news we each had and I said maybe I, too, would be making a change etc. From here Mr. Robinson went to Teller and, as the Government school is at the Mission which is several miles from the village, he visited with the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Olson.

The first week in May the Olsons stopped here on their way home from Shishmaref, where they had been to the dedication of the new building. I had them here to lunch and they stayed and visited afterward and, as we were having flu here then and the natives were not going around the village much, I explained why we could not have services during his stay with us. He said Mr. Robinson had told them what I had said and Mr. Dahle had planned to stop here but because of flu conditions he had hurried home the shortest way but that he wanted the Olsons to stop and find out if the mission here was to be kept on. I had your letter telling me that it would be so I repeated what you said on that subject. They would like to have this place too.

Of course we are now between their two missions on the south west side and the one up coast and naturally they would like it. Mr. Olson has a motor boat and said he might plan to come up in the summer for a little visit and he could hold meetings then, if I cared to have him. Our natives would be delighted to hear a man talk for a change so I assured him I would be very glad to entertain them at that time and have the meetings too, He seems pleasant but he does not impress me as being much of a hustler. Mr. Dahle seems much more energetic. The Dahles expect to go Out this summer and their Board has asked the Olsons to go to Shishmaref and a new couple will come to be at the Orphanage and mission at Teller. They have a trained nurse at Igloo, which is about a day's journey by dog team from Teller.

Mr. Waldhelm, who has been at Tin City since the last of April, came over a few days ago and heard the tank pounding in the dispensary and asked if it always made that noise. When I said it did he told me to ask for pipe and he would make a radiator and by changing the position of the hotwater tank the whole room could be heated better and thus make good use of the hot water. He measured it and said if we could get it he would do the work. This is what he needs:

2 3/4 inch elbows
2 1 1/2 inch return bends
4 from 1 1/2" to 3/4" sleeve reducers
4 6 ft. lengths 1 1/2" galvanized pipe threaded at both ends.
1 3/4 inch bib or valve

I hope you will be able to approve this request and that it will come up this fall on the Boxer, which gets in here along in September. That tank has certainly been a great help. I shall make a copy of his list and mail it to Mr. Gould, so in case you want to wire him the message can be shorter; he will have the amounts.

Shortly before I left home to return to Alaska, a Moravian minister gave me a little book which his nephew had written regarding their work on the Kuskokwim. I have just read it this spring and found it very helpful and I thought you might enjoy reading it too. The title is Where Polar Ice Begins or The Moravian Mission in Alaska by The Rev. S.H.Gapp, Ph. D., D.D. It is published by the Religious Education Board of the Moravian CHURCH in America. Comenius Press, Bethelehem, Pa.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Montgomery, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jno. Bowman

P.S. I got my supplies in such good condition I never could quite understand why Dr. Greist should complain so about his supplies. Last evening Mr. Waldhelm was here for supper and he begain to discourse on the subject of their supplies which Capt. Backland brought up in 1929 and if all he said was true I do not wonder the Greists have complained. Mr. Waldhelm said so many of their containers had been broken into and much had been destroyed, evidently by rats; his case of oranges could not be found so he told the captain to give him another- one of his stock- and when it was brought ashore they got either four or six dozen oranges from it. The hams and bacons were so moldy much had to be thrown away and so on and on. His coal that year cost him $41 a ton. Last year he paid the Derblay $21 a ton and everything came up in execellent condition. He thinks that the Holmes must be overrun with rats but even so the captain should make good the shortage, but he did not. The three miners at Tin City have their supplies sent from the same wholesale company and the company decides, I believe, who shall bring the goods up. If they miners are not satisfied they complain to the company and another boat is tried.

Wales, Alaska, July 16,1931

Dr. A.J.Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

AUG 3 1931

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

Copy to Mr. Gould

Captain Backland came here the morning of the third of July and waited until the 7th to unload; he had been around Tin City several days before,waiting for good weather. It never cleared up here from the 27th of June until yesterday,the 15th, but the 7th it did sort of act as though it might clear for a few hours in the morning and the natives got busy and my supplies and coal were all unloaded.

As usual, my things were in good condition. The food was packed better this year than before, even the bag of peanuts was put in a wooden box. I was glad to see the Hormel brand of ham and bacon, as there is a good deal of waste in the other kind. I found every thing that I asked for except lemons and oranges. Capt. Backland said he noticed they were not on the order so I got my copy out and they were there. I found he delivers oranges and lemons in better condition than I got fro Polet,at Nome. He let me have a case of oranges but he could not find his lemons. Thank you for sending everything and the good quality too.

The coal is fine and I cannot find one single thing to complain about this summer. It is a great relief to empty ashes once in two days instead of two panfuls twice a day. Possibly now I may get too fat from lack of exercise! I had twenty sacks taken over to the church and then 300 sacks emptied in the bins and the rest of the sacks were not emptied but piled on top of the coal in one bin and in the hall. I am asking the native store not to repay me the 32 sacks of coal,borrowed last winter and in the spring,until next fall. I have no place to put it and do not like to leave it out doors. I shall probably take just one ~~ton~~ ton of the coal the Government owes and trust to get the other ton a year from now. Possibly you wont have to send in any more coal for me while I am up here.

I neglected to mention the potatoes and onions I shall want in the fall. This year I think I'd like :

1 1/2 crates of potatoes instead of two
1/2 crate of onions
1/2 case of lemons, if he will send that amount.

I had another visit with Capt. Jones,of the Northland, and he is delighted with the teachers at Gamble this year. He took Miss Bjornson over to the Island fro Nome and liked her very much too but evidently he did not know she was commissioned by the Board for work there. He spoke very highly of her and he said the natives will like her,as they like the teachers. He seemed quite relieved on that score,as he wants the right people looking after the St. Lawrence natives whom he says he likes very much.

While I was on the Northland he wondered about the nurse who is going to Barrow but I could not tell him anything about that. He said if it was good weather here when they go along to Barrow they will stop and he will bring her ashore. He wants to come and I said I'd like very much to meet her before she goes on. The Victoria was due in Nome the

15th and in a few days probably the Northland will be heading North.

The 27th three men came along from No e and one was the minsiter of the Federated Church there. He spoke of the nurse for Barrow and said she came in on the first vic; she was fine and he had asked her to take charge of his Sunday School for him while he was away. I said I wished she had come up and spent the month with me, but I presume she had not heard of me and maybe the Captain would not have wanted to stop here for her,as the wind is usually so unruly at Wales.

The Silver Wave came in yesterday with mail,freight and the Hemsings,who have been away since the 19th of June. Mrs. Hemsing came over in the evening and said she met Miss Komedal and liked her very much; they had been invited several places together etc.etc. Some teacher in Mr. Robinson's district had been very ill and the nurse at Nome in the Government employ had gone off on a long hike, so Mr. Robinson sent Miss Komedal by plane to look after the sick woman. Later Miss Komedal brought the patient to the hospital at Nome, as she is very ill and they think it will be months before she is wellagain. So, if the people at Nome, liked her the folks up North ought to. I am passing this on as I thought you might like to hear all these good things about one in your employ.

I am very pleased to know someone has been commissioned to work at Gamble and that another nurse is on her way to Barrow; who will be well settled and acquainted when the time comes for the Greists and Miss Bailey to come out. I think it always is best to have one at least left to help the new force get aqquainted and used to the new way of living.

When Miss Voss wrote and wanted to know what I would like to have if it were possible, I felt I had all I needed towork with. Now it seems to me we ought to tear down the old mission building and use that lumber for a community room. There is a lot of good lumber in that building but the shingles have all been blown off and the place is probably soaked,as all the snow and rain can drop into it from all angles. Mr. Waldhelm, who was over last Saturday a few hours, said redwood lumber is very hard to tear out after it is wet. My idea is to have one or two who are careful, tear the building down then get the rest to haul the lumber down here and build a room but have it attached to this building, and use it for Mothers' Club, Prayer Services in winter and as a regular community room all the time. In that we might be able to have a public bath room,which is needed here.

We need a good stove for the church and if we have a community room we willneed a stove for that. I have wondered if someone might give a stove for the church and possibly we could buy one for the C.R. Recently we took a collection for generators for the church gasoline lamps and we got about nine dollars- maybe it is ten by now,as seal skins and such things kept coming after the collection was taken. Lewis has the money. I would like the stoves (if we get them or when we get them) to be like the heater I have,which is wonderful. Maybe now they could be bought second hand.

If Lewis were here all the time, I think the natives would pitch in and tear the old building down and build the new room but Lewis is gone a great deal of the time and there is no one else to boost the work well

enough to get it done without paying the natives. I'd use the shiplap to cover this building. Mr. Waldhelm said it must be torn out from the inside out in order to preserve it better. It here means the lumber. I do not want to go ahead with this unless you give me prmission. You have said before to use what I needed of the lumber in that old building, but building a new room is different. With conditions are they are Outside, it might be best to let the building rest a while. I do think it outght to be torn down and the lumber stored for future use. Will you please let me know about this? I can store quite a lot in the attic of this house and the big timbers can be stored in the church.

The paper which came for the outside of this house is a splendid grade but I am afraid two rolls- 108 ~~feet~~ square feet- wont be enough. It is not carried here and may have to be ordered from Nome if I need more. I can have it put on the coldest parts and wait another year for the rest. Lewis will help me with the molding and heavy felt paper for floors,which will make this house much more comfortable another winter.

The first mail since May 3d arrived July 6th and the dictionary which you sent came then and I know it will be a great help and thank you for it. I have been so busy I could not look at it very carefully but I have managed to look up one thing I wanted to know and found it. I got 61 letters, 20 packages and no end of magazines and reading matter from all ends of the earth it seems when the mail arrived; the Northland brought a big box from the Crawford Class, San Diego, Capt. Backland brought three from the Seattle churches- one contained a victrola and a lot of records. I have been surprised at the amount which has come in this year but it is not like what came the other twoyears, altho very good for us.

Mrs. David, who has been sick since flu time, coughed so much I feared T.B. and when the Northland doctor came ashore I took him up to examine her. He said with flu she had had bronchial pneumonia and the cough had not cleared up but he was not surprised at that,as the igloo was so hot and pporly ventilated. He ordered her out doors and said to have her husband fix a shelter for her on the sled,if they had no other place, and she must stay out there as much as possible until her cough left her. When we got home I showed him the little room at the front entrance and we planned how I could take care of her here until she is well. Sunday I sent a note to her by Robert and explained all that the doctor said and why and so on and on and offered to take her and the baby in and told her where I'd put her bed and both doors could be opened all the time and she just had to lie in bed and breathe a few weeks in order to be a well woman again. Her husband and mother urged her to come but she said she did not know what to do about the toilet. Her sister-in-law repeated everything to me and she said she told Mrs. David a nurse surely would know enough to attend to that. Then Mrs. David said she would not want to ask me for food- tried fruit,for instance- and so on and on. Finally word came from the family she would not come. Her husband's brother dropped in and said she did not want to have to stay in the house here and I took him out and showed him the place I planned to fix up for her and he thought that would be fine and he hurried back with the glad tidings but by that time she decided she did not want to have me bringing up her baby! Can you beat that? She is at home and I have gone in to see what she is doing and her mother says "Jessie, plenty work." I said it was not the work we were so anxious about but fresh air; was she getting out doors. Yes,she had been out the day before. The natives all look wise and say "I hear she spit blood- consumption, maybe?" And so they wont try to do anything about getting fresh air. I'd like to at least

try to get a T.B. case cured while I am here, then they would act differently. As soon as someone begins to cough they settle in their mind that he has T.B. and is done for and they wait for the end. The doctor said if she did not soon get fresh air she would have it. I had talked fresh air for weeks before he came and she got none.

The vouchers sent in for this year are like what I had on furlough but not like I have been using up here. I wonder if there is a mistake. I shall wait until I hear from you before filling them in. Maybe the others will come in the next mail.

I am enclosing a copy of a general letter which I wrote while waiting for the mail to arrive. I thought I'd have 18 ready so the many letters that would have to be answered would not be such a job. You'll get an idea of what has been going on here.

Thanking you again for my fine lot of supplies and coal and the dictionary and what you say about my work here, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ann Bannan

P.S. I had a little visit with Capt. Bakcland and while we talked fast after he left I thought of many things I wanted to ask about. That is always the way up here. The ice has been bad this year and the season is backward. So far we have had about two days of summer and then not really very warm weather either.

Saturday I took in Helen and her seven months' old Nancy. The child has been sick a month and from Helen's answers to my questions I could not find the cause of the high temperature. A native told me the grandmother was chewing up meat and stuffing it into the baby's mouth and I concluded I'd do a better job if I took the mother and baby into my home for awhile. The temerpature is coming down and in several ways she is much better but she has a had cold. The grandmother called in two or three times and she sneezes and cough too much to suite me so today I sent a note to the family telling them no one would be allowed in the house until the baby was much better and if they wanted to see her they could come to the window and Helen or I would hold the baby up to it, if she were awake. Probably the grandmother wont be very happy but I can't help that. She has had a lot of children and never raised one and now I don't wonder. Of course the time for letters is infrequent and short too.

in church

The coal used/this year to date is 21 sacks. That means from the last report I sent to you until today.

Wales, Alaska, August 18, 1931.

Dr. A.J.Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

You have never mentioned the payment of the two statements which I mailed you from the Native Store. Usually you have mentioned paying them and I wonder if the letter containing them was lost or miscarried. The manager has not received word of their payment either, but the bank is not as prompt as might be, at times.

I wish you could have been here today as we have had one of our very rare perfect days with clear sky, sunshine, no wind and warmth all day and the sea like a great mirror. It has been wonderful and appreciated because we have had only one that resembled it this summer. We have been blessed with rain and fog in more than generous amounts. A day like this repays us for much disagreeable weather.

The Government has repaid two tons of coal and I have them stored in the little room in the front hall. The twenty-eight sacks which the Native Store owes are credited on the Mission bill- to the Mission, I should have said, as there is no bill at present. I had no place to store any more coal and there is a little repairing that I'd like done to the north side of the hall.

I am hoping soon to hear from you regarding the building of a community room, using the lumber from the old mission house. Mr. Hemsing has wanted to teach the natives to play basket ball but the only place which is large enough and which can be cleared easily is the church and I do not know whether we should use it or not. I told him I had rather ask you about that. He says he will see about getting the ball and baskets for the game. The schoolhouse is large enough but it is cut up into three rooms with a two-thirds partition between the two large rooms. Please let me know your opinion in this matter.

I neglected to tell you that the Northland doctor told me when he was here in June that they were taking a million units of anti toxin up to Barrow in case of more trouble with diphtheria there.

The Boxer was here Monday morning before nine and the radio operator told us that the Holmes, Patterson and Northland are still in the ice around Icy Cape. I hope they all get out in good condition. I still have a vivid memory of the way the Arctic was wrecked in 1924, after everyone thought the ship was in a safe harbor. Miss Kometah's experience will match Miss Mueller's if she does not get to Barrow soon.

I wish Cornelia Philips, who is at Sitka, could be sent here to help me when she is ready to leave school. I know she will want to go home and see her mother and sisters. I think she would be excellent help here and might be the means of bringing more of the young people into active membership of our church. I do not know what the plans regarding her future are. Possibly you know that some woman doctor in Ohio, who met Miss Mueller, became interested in what she told her of Cornelia and said if Cornelia wanted to take up nursing she would be glad to have her enter her hospital and she would take a personal interest in her. Miss Mueller wrote to Dr. Conait and he replied they had other

plans for her. The next I heard was that Mrs. Greist wanted Cornelia to go to the training school in Chicago which she went to. Cornelia wrote that she wanted to come home for at least one year before she did any thing more. She hoped to go home this summer, altho I think she had one more year at S.J. I did not go out on the Boxer but I think Cornelia did not go home this summer. She would be excellent help as she sews very beautifully; Mrs. Greist trained her in that and she has much natural ability along that line too. Will you please consider this?

I dislike leaving this place alone when my furlough time comes and you know I am now on my third year here. You and Miss Voss will surely wish my brain had been working when I made out the questionaire a year ago. I never realized I was so slow until now but when my ideas are a year in dawning I will have to admit I am not speedy at least.

Just now I have a house patient- a boy named Clarence who is probably thirteen or fourteen. Yesterday was Clean-Up Day in our village and the women cleaned their houses and Mrs. Hemsing and I were asked to go around and judge them. The Council gave one dollar as first prize and the Hemsings said they would give the same amount in food and I, of course, said the Mission would do likewise. We started out and found some of the houses so very nice and clean we were delighted. Before we got half thru with out inspection we decided to have more than three prizes and when we finished and got home we decided to split all three prizes and make six for about fifty cents, so two half dollars were put on the table, two packages of dried apples and apricots and soap and two cans of fruit with a bar of laundry soap on each were also lined up and the four who had first prizes went forward and chose what they wanted; the two seconds took what was left. Everybody was very happy. Some few did not attempt to clean up and they also went away from home so we did not get into their homes but the majority did clean and stayed at home to greet us when we appeared. I had some 1931 calendars which came in the Seattle mission box and I took them around and left one wherever I found no other calendar and in that way nearly every family got something yesterday.

I had to attend the meeting last evening as the prizes were given after election of Councilmen. I had been home a few minutes when Mr. Hemsing ran in and said Clyde's boy was dying and he knew nothing more about it than that someone had run into the meeting and given that news. Of course up here we always think of ptomain poisoning so we collected the things we'd need for that and started up to his home. They had started here with him so we turned back and when we talked with the boy we found that he had tea for breakfast, walrus meat for dinner, some time in the afternoon and tea for supper. He had been helping his father bring up some driftwood, and probably over did and fainted while alone with his mother. His father said "We have not much grub and we have a big family." The boy was frightened so that he trembled for quite a long time after the folks left here. I bathed him and then fed him and he slept all night and today has seemed glad to rest around the house. I shall keep him a day or two longer. I am certain there is nothing but the lack of food which troubles him.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ann Bannan

Wales, Alaska, August 23,1931.

Dear Friends:

I am so happy today I simply must tell you the cause because I know you are interested in this little mission.

To begin with: Monday was "Clean-Up" day and the men were supposed to get the ground around their home cleaned up - unless it was a good day to take the boats and goafter driftwood,in which case they had to go- and the women were to clean the house. The Council met and settled all this also that Mrs. Hemsing and I should be the judges and decide whose house looked the best and a prize would be given that one.

About four in the afternoon we started off, wondering a whole lot. The Council had agreed to give one dollar for a prize and the Hemsings said they would give an equal amount and of course the Mission must do likewise. Some Scripture Text Calendars came in one of our Mission boxes this summer but not enough for every home,so I put them in a flour sack and took them with me to leave one in each home without a calendar and as sort of a good will offering too. We found the first house,which is very tiny, so nicely cleaned and so attractive that of course that went on the list for a prize. Some people,of course, had not done a thing inside and others who probably had not barred the door so we went on, but most of the women had done well in their cleaning and they all seemed very glad to have us call and visit a little while. When we got to the end of the trip we had six on our list so we decided to divide the three dollars into six parts and put two fifty cent pieces on the table, two packages of dried fruit and a bar of laundry soap oneach, two cans of fruit with a bar of soap on each, and let the six women choose and everybody seemed very amused and pleased. That plan worked well and the ~~four~~ women who got something were surprised because they did not expect six prizes to be given.

Then the Council met on Tuesday or Wednesday night and elected three new men and a mayor, who is Theodore,a native who is very,very quiet but who is desirous of getting things done and done asthey should be to. At that meeting Theodore began right away to plan work for the Council. He said that we had planned to build a new chimney at church; that the one they had was unsafe; they had also talked of putting a partition thru the church to cut off spaces not needed by our small congregation; now was the time to get busy and do it. Everybody there agreed with him and they said they'd announce it at Prayer Meeting the next night and Friday do the work. Speed!! ?? At the Prayer Service someone made the announcement and asked that all the boys and men be there next morning at nine oclock and nearly everyone was there. Three of the men who were working on jobs were excused and about 25 everlastingly hustled all day and accomplished a great deal. Everyone seemed as happy as a lark and the old men had their inning as they gave the orders and kept the younger men on the jump; no wonder so much was done that day. The lumber matched what was in the church but it had been in a native's home and was weather worn so it does not look as well as the rest of the room but it is all right. Some worked on the partition and others built the chimney and the young boys helped wherever they could. One old man who could not work either place was sent to the work shop in the schoolhouse and told to sharpen the saws and tools. They worked until late Friday and all day and until late Saturday but after they cleaned up the building they had every reason to be very proud of their work. The teachers had not been in so we three dropped in on our way to walk and the teachers thought it was a big improvement over the way it was before. It will help in heating the room and everyone will be more comfortable during the cold weather.

There are some cracks in the partition on account of broken boards but possibly we may be able to get some sort of wall board to cover that later on. We hope so, at least. The warmer we can make the building, the less coal we'll have to use. After talking about that chimney and partition for two years, is it any wonder I am happy to have both done so well and in such a short time?

The women are to meet Wednesday and clean the church and they are smiling a lot about their part of that church job but I know they will all enjoy their church a lot more after having worked for it as they have.

Yesterday I went in and spoke to one of the old leaders, who was resting for a few minutes. There were fifteen panes of glass broken in the church and some windows have been almost boarded up. I spoke last Sunday about that and suggested that the ones who had broken the glass get busy and replace it; it was a shame to have such a nice church left uncared for. Just for fun, I said to the old native, "When are you going to replace the glass in the windows which you have broken?" He just grinned but one of the other men explained to me that he (Mazonna) and Joseph, another of the older ones, were the committee to see that the ones who had done the damage repaired it; it would be taken care of soon. I hope so. Mr. Hemsing, to help us all, agreed to give the boys work and pay them in glass; I have the putty and knife for them to use. One boy said he had broken two and worked an hour, got the glass and put it in but none of the others have confessed yet. Robert told me that a native boy living in Ishmaref had broken one, so when a boy came in to find out what he could do, I suggested he work and get the glass to replace that special one and he worked an hour and got enough to replace two and we thought that was splendid of him. He said he had broken none.

Today everyone of us is beaming and everyone says the church looks better. We need a good stove in church and hope that will come along with the paper. I had to go to the south end of the village this afternoon and as I was returning I heard someone call "Hello" and I looked up and saw four of the old men sitting in a row by one of the homes and they waved to me so I waved too then for fun I waved both arms and they did likewise. In my six years of work among Eskimos this is the first time I ever knew anyone to call like that before the white person recognized him, so you may know we are quite delerious today.

Now the natives want to tear down the old mission building on the hill and build a Community Room attached to this house. They need such a room. Mr. Hemsing suggested some months ago that he would get the ball, baskets and wire if we would consent to let them use the church for basket ball. I wrote to the Board about it without talking to the natives. Today I mentioned that and one of them said "I do not like to have the church used for games and such things; I did not like to have the Council meeting there the other night, but I suppose there was no other place for that meeting then because the schoolhouse could not be had. I had rather not use the church for such purposes." I agreed with him, yet the natives need to have a play time, as they all have plenty of work.

Later On Wednesday 17 women and girls and one boy cleaned the church, and they did a splendid job too. We are all very proud of their good work and everyone who has seen the church says it is very much better with the partition in it. Not all of the windows have been repaired but we hope they will be before long.

Ann Bannan

October 4, 1931

Miss Ann Bannan
Wales, via Nome
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan;

Your letter to Dr. Montgomery under date of August 28th has come in his absence from the office, attending synod meetings in the Northwest. On his return, about the 20th of October, it will have his attention.

The treasurer's office informs me that your vouchers have been received. Thank you for sending same. I understand from your postscript that there were no report blanks attached to the vouchers I sent you. I am, therefore, enclosing a set of these voucher reports, which please use in the future in place of any you may have. I am sorry that there has been some misunderstanding about these. The enclosed pad will straighten the matter out.

Yours very cordially

For A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

Wales, Alaska, August 28,1931

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Mr. A .J.Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

I am enclosing a copy of my last general letter which will tell you that our natives have awakened and are now ready to work for their church. They have done a splendid job too. We are all very happy to have that well built church in good condition again. The chimney is very fine. I wish you could come up next summer and reorganize the church and get it running nicely.

Of course you have been following the ice conditions up North and know that it was impossible for the doctor to come down here. We heard the Teller operator talking with the Northland last evening and Mr. Hemsing thought the Cutter was at Pt. Hope. We are thankful to know that she finally got out of the ice.

August has been a delightful month here; the very nicest I have spent at Wales. My letters from the homeland have all mentioned the extreme heat of the states and we are so comfortable we are thankful we are where we are, as the heat simply lays me low. I have had no fire in the living room for two weeks and other summers if there was no fire there fortwo days the rooms would be so damp and cold I would be uncomfortable. Wales is like the little girl with the curl: when she is good she is very,very good and we cherish the memory of the very few times she is real good.

I am returning the two sets of vouchers which I have received, as there is no place for the monthly report on them. I presume you are back in the office and probably have sent out the right ones.

Our service this summer by the Silver Wave is marvelous. The Wave was out of commission most of last summer and now it is in fine condition and there is an exceptionally good captain and a double crew so we are having such good service we hardly have time to answer a dozen letters betweentrips. I have just written to the Lomens telling them how very much we appreciate the change. They have also discharged their Lap chief herder whom our natives heartily disliked and in his stead is a white man named Fred Ayer who used to be manager of a famous gold mine near Nome. Our natives knew him and they are happy to have a white man in charge of the Lomen herds near here; they say "He is an honest man; he will be fair." The Lap stole deer and drove them out from this herd, marked them for the Lomens and in many ways made himself thoroughly disliked. This summer everyone here seems more contented and willing to do the right thing.

The natives have been very anxious to build the community house. I had a talk with Lewis Monday,when he came in to lay

the felt paper under the linoleum. He said the men, especially the older ones, wanted the "Club House"as a place to take their sleds when they needed repairing; they would want to smoke and spend much time there as they used to do in their old places. He said they all really wanted to build the place but after a few days, some would drop out because of work they had to do, then after a while there would be so few left to do the work that it would drag on and on. He sees the need of such a place but he also knows his people. I said my idea was to have the room built to be used for meetings, and to have a place to read and play games but that it could not be open all the time because, if the Board bought the coal, it would cost too much to heat it. He said the natives had talked of that and they expected to furnish some of the fuel. When they have never had enough fuel- drift wood, which they go miles down the coast for- to keep comfortable in their own igloos, I do not see how they can spare any for heating a large room. So that is the way it is left. Knowing how hard the times are outside, I hesitate urging the Board to go to the extra expense of such a building now. There is not lumber enough up there to finish it ~~it the~~ inside, glass and roofing would have to be bought beside paper for the outside, or between the boards.

Mrs. Hemsing thinks the natives should furnish the fuel and all the things necessary to complete the building, if it is to be theirs. Mr. Hemsing says the native store can furnish some of the necessary material but as it is in quite straight circumstances, its donation will be small. I do not see how the natives can do much aside from tearing down the building on the hill, carting the lumber here and putting up the new room. We need such a place and we allknow the natives will appreciate it more if they build it. I think we will find that it will work out in the right manner if we take the time to pray about it and try to plan it all better. There is much good material up there which ought to be taken care of while we can attend to it. I still have nearly a keg of nails which would be all they'd need with the exception of spikes.

With best wishes to you friends at 156, I am

Yours truly,

Anna Bannon

P.S. Miss Payne sent a note with the last set of vouchers stating they were the correct ones. Possibly you do not want the reports which I have been making out heretofore. I will fill in these and mail them to the Treasurer.

Nov. 10, 1931

Dear Miss Payne!

yesterday our mail (first winter by dog team) arrived and I have just finished making out seven months' reports. I am sending the vouchers to you, as you can find use for them and I always need the report blanks attached. Busy is no name for what I am now. Please excuse this scrawl.

Yours in haste -

Ann Bowman

Wales, Alaska.

Wales, Alaska, Dec. 18,1931.

Dr. A. J. Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

JAN 25 1932

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

I am writing to you again and sending you a copy of a letter to Dr. Greist, which will tell you about the house. I think I have been saving coal since the old lumber has been put on here and I am ever so much more comfortable.

Last February I sent the Native Store statements to you for the Board and myself, asking that you pay mine and deduct it from my salary. In June my statement was made up by Mr. Parker and I found no sign of that payment. Mr. Hemsing got the bank's statement, which was also made up in June, and found no item of payment from the Board. I wrote then to you but I have had no reply regarding this matter. The Store needs the money so I am sending you the Board's statement, which has grown some since last February.

I have forgotten how Dr. Greist did in regard to the bills. Does he send his orders to the store or does he send the store's slips? Heretofore I have checked the statements by my orders and the store's slips and sent on the statement, keeping the slips. This time I shall send the store slips and please let me know how you wish me to do in the future.

In the early summer we took a collection in church to pay for gasoline and some few things we needed there. Lewis turned the seal skins etc. which were given over to the store and credited the Mission Account with it, then bought gasoline and charged it to the Board's account, which will explain the credits.

When the partition was put in the church we found a good door in the church which had never been used but we had to buy a lock for it and the rest of the fixings for lock. I had hinges for it. We also had to buy finishing nails and later several boxes of tacks when the paper was tacked onto the back of the partition. Hauling the coal up from the beach and emptying the sacks was the largest item. The men haul it up on their backs and six cents a sack is given for the sacks of coal which are brought in and piled up; ten cents is paid for the sacks which are emptied. It is a hard job and I feel worth that price. I had to buy a few pounds of finishing nails for this house but for most of the job the nails which were here have been used.

I have told you several things which have come up regarding Capt. Backland and I have a little more. This fall Mr. Duncan McLean,who has a tin claim at Tin City, came over and during our visit he mentioned supplies,which is a subject every one seems to dote on discussing. He said the three miners there usually went in together and agreed on who should bring the supplies up. He was always perfectly satisfied with the Backlands' service; the Holmes always got in first and he thought their service was splendid. He said if he had business enough he would still have his stuff delivered by the Holmes but he bought very little and so joined the other two miners. He also said he thought Waldhelm's dissatisfaction was helped along by the agent of the Alaska Steamship Co. and he seemed very certain that in a short time he would not be pleased with the Alaska S. Co.

In August three passengers spent several hours with me while the Derblay, a freighter, was being unloaded here. The Derblay is an Alaska Steamship boat. Two of the passengers were from Pt. Hope and the other was the wife of a man hired by the Magids to run their store at Deering and all were going Out. Of course our tongues wagged merrily- Mrs. Hemsing was over too- and the three told us that the Magids brought in a new outfit for unloading supplies and planned to unload all along the coast another year. This year the Ferguson brothers at Kotzebue had also bought the necessary equipment for this sort of work and went out to attend to the business when the Derblay arrived but were told the job was the Magid's and they could not even bring in their own supplies. They set the price at $10 a ton and that is very high and they allowed only their own few natives to help,charging them a high rate of board. When they got to Pt. Hope the natives expected to do the longshoring as usual but these Magids were there and did the work, in spite of the fact that the teachers and others objected. It seems the Derblay had to agree to this in order to get the freight for the several stores which the Magids operate. The Pt. Hope Native Store expense for longshoring etc. was $1250 and not a native earned a cent of it. The Magids told some one of those three that they felt sure they could go right on up to Wainwright and Barrow and do the longshoring. The Derblay towed the outfit part way back, I understood, from Shishmaref this summer. Our natives did the longshoring here but had the others come this summer our natives would have had to stand and watch,as they have never specified that they were to do their own longshoring. Mr. Hemsing said this year when the new order was put in, it would be made very plain our natives were to have that job. So there is a lot of dissatisfaction along the coast regarding this business. I guess Mrs. Hemsing asked if Capt. Backland hired them (Magids) and the woman from Deering said "No; he would not let them touch any of his freight." And his stock will go up many points because of that too. It seems to some of us that white people are possessed to make living hard for the natives, who have so few ways of earning money.

I hope you understand, Dr. Montgomery, that I am just trying to help you when I give you such news. Dr. Greist has said so much in his N. Cross about his supplies etc. I felt I ought to tell you what I can learn from others who have had the Backland service.

Last month I sent you a pack of snapshots and now I am enclosing three prints of a polar bear just ready to slid into the Sea. Dr. Bingman, of the Northland, took the picture and in the December mail sent me some prints which I wanted. Please give Mr. Banks and Mr. Truscott each one; that will save me writing at present.

I am very busy trying to get the natives' bundles done up for Christmas. I will have enough, altho I could use more, of course, but everyone will get something.

We have been having a fierce blizzard since last night and at times it seems as tho we will be picked up and landed over on the mountains. I think it is the worst storm we've had since I have been here but, thank goodness, I am finding no snow under the dining table or in the patients' room!

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Montgomery, I am

Very truly yours,

Ann Bannan

Dec. 19th

The check for the native store should go to:

Trust Dept., First Seattle Dexter Horton National Bank, Seattle, for credit of Cape Reindeer Co.

We are expecting the mail carrier in any minute as the storm has stopped considerably. Yesterday Dwight, store manager, was in checking up with me. We did not have the Oct. statement or some of the slips, and he was to hunt them up and return but a new baby girl arrived at his house later and he has not come here yet. In case he does not come I'll enclose the slips and statements and send the others next month. Mr. Hemsing is to audit the books next month and in case of any error he will find it and correct it.

Very hastily,

A. J. Montgomery's office
Treasurer Miss Kaufmann January 25, 1932

Miss Ann Bannan of Wales, Alaska, has sent, in a letter to Dr. Montgomery received today, the attached statement from The Cape Reindeer Company, with accompanying slips. Miss Bannan says: "Last February I sent the Native store statements to you for the Board and myself, asking that you pay mine and deduct it from my salary. In June my statement was made up by Mr. Parker and I found no sign of that payment. Mr. Hemsing got the bank's statement, which was also made up in June, and found no item of payment from the Board. The store needs the money so I am sending you the Board's statement, which has grown some since last February. In the early summer wetook a collection in church to pay for gasoline and some few things we needed there. Lewis turned the seal skins, etc. which were given over to the store and credited the Mission Account with it, then bought gasoline and charged it to the Board's account, which will explain the credits.. The check for this native store should go to: Trust Dept., First Seattle Dexter Horton National Bank, Seattle, ~~Seattle~~, for credit of Cape Reindeer Co." "

A. J. Montgomery's office

A. J. Montgomery's Office
Mr. Varian Banks

January 25, 1932

In a letter just received from Miss Ann Bannan she sends the attached picture which she requests us to give to you.

A. J. Montgomery's office

Wales, Alaska, Nov. 22,1931.

Dear Doctor Greist: Copy to Dr. Montgomery

I received your letter postmarked Sept. 15th on the 9th of this month and I was glad to get all the news from Barrow which came then. I certainly am glad I had the hunch to stay at home this summer and not go up there on the Northland. I'd like to see Barrow and all the changes there and at Wainwright.

When the Northland people dropped in (October this year) they said their stay at Barrow was short and you folks were fine. I can well realize what the rush and confusion was when all the boats arrived at the same time and visitors,mail and supplies and traders were piled in there.

We've had a wonderful fall. In Oct. we had two blizzards which supplied the snow for fair trails and since then we have had more snow but little cold weather. Last year the mail carrier got here the 17th of November with no snow along the route. This year he had fair trail except between York and Tin City.

Mr. Christiansen is living at York this year and Tommy is attending school at Nome. Tin is 23 cents now and he and the Waldhelms are holding three years' output. McLean sold his last year's output and did not mine this year.

The Wladlehms are back in Nome; she went down on the last Silver Wave and he stayed to build a cabin on the beach and left a week ago with the mail carrier.

I think I wrote you that the partition has been put in the church; it was done in August and the natives also built a good chimney which relieves my mind,as the old chimney was so poor I was always fearing fire. They told me after the new chimney was built that once a fire broke out in the church roof early one morning but someone happened to see it in time so it did little damage.

I had some felt paper left from my floors (I have three thicknesses of it on each floor) so that was nailed on the back of the partition. The lumber was old and there were a good many cracks to let the cold thru. I had said when we talked of a partition there that if they built it we could use the church for parties,as there is no other place in the village. So we had a hallowe'en party on Saturday night and I served some hard candy-10 pieces and a big mixing spoonful of peanuts tied up in crepe paper. I explained that it was some of their Christmas supply but I had nothing else to serve. We let the teachers of the Sunday school act as hosts and everyone had a good time. I was surprised on Sunday night to hear Lewis ask for men and boys to come to church the next afternoon and put the felt paper on the partition and to replace the broken window panes. So many men came that it was a job to find work for them to do. There were 135 out to the party!

Now we are getting ready for the Thanksgiving feast and party afterward. We use little coal and in spite of the fact that the little sheet iron stove is old and too small,we are all comfortable in a very short time after the fire is started and a chunk of coal will keep it until the evening service. Everyone is happy to have that partition. The women cleaned the church very nicely and the pews have been pulled away from the outer walls and a row of small seats is bet. the stove,for the old people who feel the cold and everyone is more comfortable

I had quite a lot of lumber, flooring and matched other kinds, left after the partition was built so I asked Paul to come and cover the front of the house,which he did. We used all the paper we could get, that which had come around parcels, odds and ends of tar paper and finally I sewed five full sheets of Christian Science Monitors together and finished the job with those. The natives all laughed when they saw how stingy I am but most of the men said they thought it would be all right. Well, that job cost $16.00 beside the dinners I gave Paul and when he was thru there was still quite a lot of lumber and I got Clyde down to put it on the south side. He worked slower and he is so desperately hard up and I noticed he did not work much until after dinner then he livened up considerably so I asked him to come at eight and have breakfast then get busy,which he did. He asked if he might have the lumber like the chu ch- redwood tongue and groove- as it was the same kind he used in the house he built and he lacked some. So I paid him $10 and the lumber came to $10. Lewis helped me decide the amount to charge. The Board sent in two rolls of heavy malthoid paper and that we put on the east end but it did not cover it all so I had to get a roll from Lewis,who covered his house with paper this fall and had some left. So now the house is nice and snug and very much warmer. Blanche said last week,the day she washed was a cold one, "Last winter I used to come here from my house which is warm and I'd think poorMiss Bannan has to live in such a cold house; I feel sorry.Now your house is nice and warm." I have just begun to keep fire in the range at night and every time it is warm I let it go out. Clyde said as he hammered the new boards on the old ones either broke off or just fell out and the boards surely needed to be nailed onagain. Now the place could be painted as it is quite smooth,even tho there are several kinds of lumber on it. Then there was molding enough to put around all the windows,w ich helps a lot too. I am very comfortable now.

The tank was rusty and the water was ruining my clothes so Mr. Waldhelm told me how to cement it. Last year his wife told me how she did the job and I could not make the cement stick but this fall I mixed cement and sand rather thin and poured it into the tank and rolled it over and over for awhile,then as it began to stick I rolled it again for a few minutes and left it and so on until I got a good thick coat all over it and the water is perfectly clear now and fine.

I hope someone comes in to take my place,as I shall dislike leaving it to run down again.

In October we divided the congregation into Sunday school classes. It was with much fear that I did this but so far it is working out well. Lewis, who is always ready to help, said he would take the old women and those who do not understand English well; Theodore said he would take the old men and others who had to have Eskimo talked to them. Robert wanted the young married people and Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Harold left Lewis' class because they wanted to learn more English! Dwight said he would take the young men who talked English, Buster, who is Henry's youngest boy and a fine one too, is teaching the school boys from 16 to 12 and Blanche has a class of girls and all but the two old people's classes are taught in English. Robert says he never gets thru the lesson because he is asked to explain so many words and I tell him that is fine; if the people will ask to have words explained it will help them the rest of their life and make a better foundation. I have Joseph's girl Alice and Lewis' Virginia help me teach the young boys and girls over here and I think everyone is happy and interested

and trying hard to become good teachers. Only one woman had said anything against it and that is Mrs. David but she is so contrary she would object to anything and everything.

I was interested when we were studying the Temperance lesson for the quarter ending in June. I sa id it alwa ys seemed foolish to mention the liquor subject here where it is not even thought of and Robert sa id "I am going to speak of their superstitions. Many natives are full of them and there is nothing to them; they a re wrong to have and this is a fine chance to talk against them." Lewis said that was what he was going to do too. I have talked about tobacco nearly every time we have had a temperance lesson and it seemed to me those two teachers have made a long step forward.

The work has begun well this fall. I feel there is more genuine interest and fellowship than we have had ~~before~~ before. Several have put themselves out to help me or come and t alk over things with me. I have been busy getting the house fixed and when someone is working ar und I cannot go away and leave the place open. I have not been visiting around much since Flossie left. We called at each home and had parties and things when she was here,as I wanted all these natives to know her. She led prayer meeting twice for me,as I had no interpreter and many were out at the corral or at Tin City so she said she would take the meetings and she gave her lesson first in Eskimo then in English. Everyone seemed to like her and she was very friendly toward them. At first they could not understand e ach other but soon the old people were talking with her and seeming to have no difficulty then the younger ones fell in line. Blanche said the other day Flossie said she wished she could stay this winter with me. She told me as she stood on the Boxer watching the village she thought "How can Miss Banman stay in that lonesome place. I should think she would die; it l oks so lonesome." Then I said "Why, my goodness! We have the mountains and Fairway and the Diomedes to look at and you people up at the northern section have nothing but the sky,sea and tundra." She liked it here and the people also but she says they are not as advanced as those up North,which is what I have been saying right along.

I think these are the encouraging things I have to r elate. I have lots of plans seething in my brain but whether they mature or not time will tell. I hope they mature.

I am eagerly waiting for the next edition of the N. Cross. I sent one of the extra copies you have sent to me to Miss Grace Clough,Kilborne or Wisconsin Dalles as it is renamed, then later I wrote and asked her to send it on to someone else and Grace wrote back "I am sending the Cross to that woman but I did not want to at all. I wanted to keep it as I am s till interested in Barrow even if you are not there. I shall subscribe to that ~~paper~~ paper and then I wont have to send it to anyone." I wrote back that I wa s ashamed to hear her talk like that. The woman I asked her to send it to was Mrs. John Roos, Hope, Kansas, and a Presbyterian; Grace is a Methodist or Baptist but a fine Christian.

I am very well but busy all the time.

With best wishes, I am

Ann Bannon

Wales, Alaska, March 7, 1932.

Dr. A. J. Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

I am enclosing a list of a few morethings which I would like to have sent in this summer.

The Northland friends gave me a good four quart, White Mountain, ice cream freezer but the cover of the can was lost (that is why it was given to me) and I'd like another one. (cover)

Mr. Dahle came down the 18th of February and baptized 39 children for me, using our Form book. Then he had Communion Service and we all feel much better. There were 101 natives present. The 2d of March he came back with Rev. Olson, of the Teller Mission, and stayed over a day on account of a storm. That evening we had church and both men gave us a short sermon. The natives here have long wanted to hear a real preacher and I was glad they could hear two good ones.

Mr. Dahle said he had recently heard our minister at Anchorage broadcast a sermon and it was a splendid one. He sat down and wrote to the man telling him it was the first sermon he had heard over the radio and that he thought he was a good Lutheran. When he was going to baptize the children he said he'd have to be a Presbyterian while here in order to take care of us. I appreciate his help very much and I know the natives do too. Will you please thank him too?

I had Mr. Dahle go around with me and look the place over. It was very cold the 18th; he said the day before was the coldest he had ever been on the trail and when he left Shishmaref the 17th it was 40 below. I asked him what I ought to do about these floors and he said if the banking was all right he thought the floors would be warm unless the place overhead was open. With the cold air coming down from above all the time the floors could not be kept warm. There is no floor overhead and the timbers are placed so that it would be a very difficult job to lay a floor up there, as well as expensive. He said their house was covered with celetex and it was very warm, and he advised me to ask for celotex for this place, saying coal would be saved by putting on the wall board. If there was enough celotex for the outer walls and ceilings that would be all right, as the partitions could go as they are.

This is just a suggestion. I do not know whether you plan to keep this place open or not and I presume you can not tell either at present. If the amount of cleotex necessary for the outer walls and ceilings would not cost more than a ton of coal delivered, it seems to me it would be a good idea to try it.

I want to make a file for the church records giving each family a card and making the record as complete as I can. I'll need four or five dozen four by six cards. I'd like them this

year so I'll have time to make the record before my furlough.

In the mail which came the 5th I got mail from Barrow and the Northern Cross,which I am always glad to get as I know so many of the people up that way.

Floyd,whom we sent to Sheldon Jackson School from here, is happy in school and says his 7th grade work is not hard,which pleases the teachers as they are glad to know he was up to grade. My church- just the Women's Association- is taking care of his tuition.

I am at last fully recovered from the Christmas work and hustle and find that the next one is not so terribly far off. Time goes so fast up here we have a hard time trying to keep up with it.

Hoping all is well with you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ann Bannan

P.S. March 10th. The mail carrier has arrived from up-coast and so we are rushing the last letters thru. I have thought about my suggestion of Celotex and I am going to change the amount: If you send any, let's try just the ceiling first for each room. You have the house plan and measurements. The sides are warmer now than any other year that I have been here.

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Wales, Alaska, April 9,1932.

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Miss Mabel M. Sheibley
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Sheibley:

Your letter of February 8th arrived on the 6th and I am glad to know what I sent you is acceptable.

I am more than thankful to say Edith's baby is well and gaining in weight all the time and all the other cases of whooping cough are well too. All along this coast that disease has traveled leaving quite a toll in its wake. I tell the natives we are helped here and protected because of the prayers our friends offer for us. We certainly seem to be blessed in many ways and all the time.

Edith and her husband always attend church services when Edith can get away from home; three small children often keep her at home. They have both been baptised but I think are not members of the church.

Blanche is the mother of Floyd who went to Sheldon Jackson last fall. Mr. Montgomery has pictures of them and you can ask to see them. The picture of Blanche is not very good but Floyd's is excellent. Blanche is like a white woman in that she comes in and visits; most of them come and sit and sit and say nothing except "I don't know" to ever question I ask.

Carrie is a young married woman- maybe 17 or 18- and is related to Mrs. Johnnie, whose mother-in-law died in Dec. of T.B. That is how she came to wash the blanket; Mrs. Johnnie had a new baby.

I have not found out the reason why natives do not help each other. Robert is the only one who will tell me about such things and he has not been in lately. I shall try to find out and will let you know. When Johnnie's mother was dying, I went in to pray with her and to take her some paper handkerchiefs etc. I knew Mrs. Johnnie was perfectly miserable- it was shortly before she was confined- and Carrie was staying in her own home, so I asked her if she needed any bread. She said they had none. I came home and baked a big pan of biscuits for them and sent two dozen doughnuts down. Later I sent a loaf of bread. In a few days Johnnie came up and asked me how much he owed me for that food. I explained that he owed me nothing; I knew his school children needed the food and that his wife was not able to do much except to care for the mother; we always helped our neighbors at such a time. That was an entirely new idea and he asked me many questions. Later he came and worked just to let me know he appreciated what I had done.

Yours truly,

Ann Bannerman

April 20, 1932

Miss Ann Bannan
Wales, via Nome
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan:

In this letter I wish to take up a number of things that will need attention. First of all, let me thank you for your letter of March 7th containing the data about the reindeer situation, at Wales. The situation at large has reached a rather critical stage. The Home Missions Congress at Washington, December 1-5, 1930, and the Home Missions Council at Toronto, January 4-6, 1932, representing all Protestant denominations, asked very specifically that Secretary Wilbur use all the influence of his office to secure justice for the Eskimo. Specifically they asked three things:

(1) A general roundup
(2) Determination of ownership between whites and Eskimo
(3) Allocation of ranges.

On February 11, 1932, a delegation representing the Home Missions Council, the Moravian Board, the Indian Rights Association and our Board called on Secretary Wilbur and urged him to take action. In the April number of Women and Missions the editor had a rousing editorial calling the women of the church to write to Secretary Wilbur and to their senator, asking for these things. This, or perhaps I should say all of these things, together, have brought the situation to a crisis. Secretary Wilbur has just announced that he is sending three investigators to Alaska to take steps to secure the recommendations of the Kenarick Committee. Two of these men have been appointed already, a Mr. Trowbridge and a Mr. Gillman, and they are said to be very fine men. Carl Lomen is very much agitated and has been writing letters and calling on some of our Presbyterian people of influence to try to stop the agitation. It looks now as if something will be accomplished. It may not be all that the Eskimos desire but at any rate it will be a long step forward. In this investigation I must state that all of us owe everything to Mr. Andrews of Seattle. He has through long discouragement fought the battle of the Eskimo and it looks now as if he is being successful. I thought you ought to have this up-to-date outlook.

You have asked about the old mission building on the side of the mountain. Permission is herewith given to wreck it and to use the material in any way that you may direct.

All of your requisitions have gone to Seattle. I have asked Capt. Backland through Mr. Gould to take 100 tons of coal for Wales and Barrow. If five tons will be enough, that amount will be delivered to you when Capt. Backland comes and the balance will go to Barrow. If you need more, you have only to say so and it will be delivered. You must be kept warm, no matter what happens.

Your requisitions for the yearwere very modest and they went forward to Mr. Gould at the proper time. I have an idea that the orders are filled by this time. Mr. Gould wrote me that Capt. Backland wished

everything at Pier 5, Seattle, between May 1st and 5th and then he stated that it was his intention to sail about May 18th. I do not know when that will bring him to wales. You can judge of that better than I. In the meantime, I sincerely hope that everything will reach you in good shape because it is a terrible thing to have to wait for a whole year without getting what one wants.

I am astonished at the statement in one of your letters to the effect that at the end of January your lemons were still usable and so were your oranges. That certainly speaks well for the climate at Wales.

Next year is furlough year. I understand that there is to be a kind of exodus up at Barrow, for others beside the hospital family are going out.

We are very much worried just now over the financial situation. We closed the year March 31st with a very large deficit - how large I do not know even yet, but we all fear that the Board will insist on making drastic reductions. In view of all of these disturbing elements it is very hard to plan now for 1933. Your work has been so fine and satisfactory that I would like to have as your successor one who could carry on in something of your spirit during furlough year. I shall hope that at the end of your furlough you will feel like returning to Alaska. I need not tell you that the way is open and nothing would please me more so long as I administer the work than to have you continue in it as long as it is your desire so to do.

This is quite a long letter.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

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Bannan

Wales, Alaska, May 3, 1932.

Dr. A. J. Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

Mr. Goshaw, a grader of Shishmaref, wrote to me recently and I am copying part of his letter, so you will know what he has on his mind.

"I have written to the Postmaster General, Hon. Walter F. Brown, calling attention that according to statements made in a recent issue of a Government Bulletin, the first known white men landed near Cape Prince of Wales in 1732, two hundred years ago this summer, which if true, indicates the fact that this section of the Continent was discovered at that time.

"For the purpose of commemorating the event, I suggested that a Special Stamp be issued by the Department - if that is done, thousands of stamp collectors throughout the United States will be sending stamped matter to the Wales office for cancellation and the earnings of that office will be benefitted thereby - also it will call attention to this end of the world.

"This information I came across in Geological Survey Bulletin 815, page 5 - it states that Ivan Fedoroff and Michael Gowozdeff, both Russians, landed near Cape Prince of Wales, being the first foreigners to land on this section of the Continent. I intend writing to Tony Pâlet about this, suggesting that the Chamber of Commerce recognize the fact and request a Special Stamp. To keep the needs of his section ever before the public of the states, it is such things as this that attract attention - thus my only reason. Perhaps you might write to your New York missionary officials that if they deem it advisable, they might also call the attention of the Postmaster General to the fact. The P. O. Department is generally anxious to issue Special Anniversary Stamps as it brings many thousands of dollars into the Department on sales to Stamp Collectors.

"Anyway, I thought you might like this information that you live in a place that is only two hundred years old, insofar as white folks mark the span of time."

This interests me and I thought possibly it might also interest you.

Yours truly,

Ann Bannan

May 8, 1932

Miss Ann Bannan
Wales, via Nome
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan:

This will be a covering letter, taking into view your recent letters and bringing the situation up-to-date. There have been a great many stirring things lately. First of all, the Board closed the year with a deficit of $498,000. This creates a very serious situation. The Board will have to reduce its work during the current year. I do not imagine that this process will affect you or the work in the Arctics in any appreciable way, but it will affect our work in the large. I am giving you this information simply that you may know how seriously the financial situation is affecting the operations of our Board. We believe, that is many of us do, that the bottom has been reached in the financial depression and that we are actually on the upswing, but recovery will be slow and you know, of course, that the last thing to pick up in matters of this kind is the contribution from the churches.

A great many stirring things have happened in connection with the reindeer controversy. The Home Missions Council in January renewed its petition to the Secretary of the Interior to protect the rights of the Eskimo in their reindeer and specifically asked for a separation of herds, with determination of ownership and definite allocation of ranges. On February 11th a delegation consisting of Dr. King, Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council; Dr. John McDowell, Secretary of our Board; Dr. S. H. Gapp, President of the Moravian Board; Mr. M.K. Sniffen of the Indian Rights Association and myself went to see the Secretary at Washington to press our threefold program -

(1) A general roundup of the herds of deer
(2) Determination of ownership between whites and Eskimo
(3) Allocation of ranges.

On or about April 1st Secretary Wilbur appointed two men, Messrs. Trowbridge and Gillman, to go to Alaska as investigators. These men evidently tarried long enough in Seattle to get the background which Mr. Andrews is so well able to furnish. In the April number of Women and Missions Miss Towne, the Editor, had an editorial asking Presbyterian women to write to their senators and to Secretary Wilbur, urging that these things be done. This article has stirred up a regular hornet's nest. Mrs. Carl Lomen, Carl Lomen and his sister have written rather violent letters to Miss Towne, protesting against the implications of the article. On the other hand, a great many missionary societies and a great many Presbyterian women have indicated their concurrence in the article. It now looks as if at last the Lomen interests were greatly disturbed and there is a chance to secure some kind of justice for the Eskimo. We have been working for several years to get things started. Mr. Andrews has borne the brunt of the battle and should be regarded as one of the best friends which the Eskimo ever had outside of Sheldon Jackson. The Indian Rights Association has taken up the cause and is doing great work. I am enclosing, herewith, the last number of Indian Truth, the organ of the I.R.A.

We are very anxious that the Eskimo shall not lose heart in this long drawn out battle. The Lomens have tried their best to get the industry under their own control. There is a paper published in Portland, Oregon, called

The Oregon Voter. In its issues of August 8 and 29, and October 24, 1931, it had some very sharp things to say about the Lomen Corporation and their stock. I think you ought to have this information because you are right in the vortex of the controversy.

Dr. Greist has been writing a good deal lately about plans for the furlough year which falls due in 1933. We will try to make the best arrangements possible to serve the fields during the furlough and it is my sincere desire that you, yourself, and all the party at Barrow also, after a year's rest may be willing to return to the work. At any rate, we are making all of our plans with that in view.

Our treasurer has attended to the financial matters of which you speak in your letter and has suggested that the enclosed copy of statement be sent you. I have already told you that permission has been given to wreck the old mission building and use it in any way that you may direct. I am repeating it again lest my previous letter has gone astray.

We are sending in all the goods requisitioned by you, at least your requisitions were sent to Seattle and I am sure that Mr. Gould, as usual, has looked after all of them. He is very good in his attention to such details. I have sent him everything that has come to me, including the spring for the oven door. Dr. Greist first said that the hospital would need no coal this year. However, after consulting with Capt. Buckland and Mr. Banks I decided to send 100 tons altogether for Barrow and Wales. After this decision was made, Dr. Greist sent a very urgent telegram, saying that 100 tons would be needed at Barrow. Capt. Buckland when he calls at Wales will give you five tons, or ten tons, or fifteen tons or up to twenty tons, as much as you need, and the rest will go to Barrow.

I understand that this year Capt. Buckland plans to sail from Seattle about May 18th. This is a little later than usual, I think. How it will affect his later plans I do not know. He called in the office this winter on his way to and from London. He is a mighty fine man and I think that Dr. Greist is a little bit prejudiced about him. At any rate, he seems to be very anxious to please and I am sure that he can be trusted as his father was.

With kind regards,

Yours very cordially,

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

AJM-VP

Wales, Alaska, Feb. 16, 1932.

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

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Mail team is expected back from Shishmaref any moment now and I must hustle. I am very glad you enjoyed the set of pictures which I sent. Thank you for your letter. I often enjoy writing letters but I confess at present I am almost completely snowed under with them or by them, whichever it should be. The mail came the 11th and I got 65 letters and greetings!

We have had a terribly cold February to date and sotms every few days. I think I'd better have afew tons of coal, maybe five.

The spring in the oven door broke recently and one of the natives has fixed it so the door will now stay shut but there should be a new spring. The range is a Ruby and was bought of the Schwaubacher Hardware Co. in 1929. It is No. 218 C T Ruby Range with high closet. This is not on the list of supplies as it broke after that was written and sealed up.

I am well and my house is much warmer than it was. Mr. Hensing did not have school yesterday because there was so much mail to get out and reports etc. He ran in for something he needed for onereport and he said every thing in their house was frozen up and their potatoes, which were in the closet where a lamp was burning seemed frozen also. So far I have had one slop bucket, which is in the dispensary, frozen up. The floors tho are very cold in spite of all we have done for them.

Very hastily yours,

Ann Bannon

Wales, Alaska, Oct. 2, 1931.

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Dear Friend:

I have had a most delightful time with Flossie George and I am going to take this evening to write you all about it. I have been taking notes during her stay, so I wont miss telling you the things which I think you want to know.

I had a letter from Mr. Hopson written Sept. 2d saying Flossie had left Barrow for Sitka and I just naturally thought she went on the Northland, which went right by us without even hesitating. Sept. 19th I began to think of Flossie early in the morning and about six, when the Boxer anchored on her way to Nome from the North, I sent a note out to thank Capt. Bush for delivering a barrel of mission things and asked him to please let Flossie stop off with me until the Boxer returned for the deer. In a couple of hours Katie Brought her in and we began talking then and have hardly stopped until this P.M. when the Boxer called in again and went on to Tin City where the butchering is done. She said she wanted to ask to come ashore but the Boxer launch did not make the trip and our natives went out and she looked for me but I was not with them, so when the captain called her and delivered my message, she waited long enough to hear him tell her to get her duds ready, quickly, and that the boat would return in ten days. She came with the usual flour sack but it was full of soiled clothing. We both laughed at the sack, which is so typical of the North. She got here Saturday night the 19th of September and had she stayed until tomorrow she would have been here two weeks.

Sunday we went to Sunday School, which is at eleven A.M. and she met everybody who was there. Some few talked to her in Eskimo but she could not understand them. She said she could not understand Robert, who was my interpreter that morning, or Lewis in the evening. We went up to the old Mission building after dinner and prowled around, as it was lovely; the ground was well covered with snow.

Monday morning she washed. I had done my washing on Friday before she came. In the evening Esther and Robert came down for dinner and a little visit.

Tuesday she ironed and I owed three of our young boys a meal inreturn for their help, so I invited them down for dinner that night and they came all clean and shining like stars. Later two women came- Mrs. Joseph and Blanch, who reminds me so much of Susie of Wainwright that I call her Susie half of the time. Mrs. Joseph had a brother who went to Barrow and she wanted to know all about him and it turned out he was the one who adopted Maria Brower and then he and his wife died of flu. Of course, Flossie could tell her a good deal about that brother, his wife and their own daughter. She is living eastward now and Flossie had seen her recently. Blanch, whose son Floyd I have been trying to get to Sitka, asked Flossie many questions and they all tried to talk Eskimo because Flossie wanted to learn to talk as these people do and the others seemed to want to learn the Barrow way. They sat for over an hour exchanging information then went home.

Blanch had told me that Floyd was to go to Sitka to S.J. school and we had planned his clothing and how to get him off on the Boxer but Saturday morning Floyd came down and told me he wanted to stay another year with his mother, who is a widow and whether the young cousin came or not, who was to take his place in his home, he was not going.

I told him that I had been praying for some time that he would get to that school and I felt if it was right for him to go this year he would find the way open to go; that I was not going to give up my part in the deal. He went home and talked it over and his mother sent Robert down to tell me that they had decided Floyd was going to stay at home another year; then next year he would go; she did not want him to leave her this year etc.etc. They felt if Robert told me I'd understand and keep still. We talked it over and Mrs. Hemsing was in too and we sort of had a mourning party. Floyd is a very superior lad and he is the sort Percy was when I first knew Percy. When he was little, Blanch says, they prayed over him, asking that he grow up to be a fine Christian man- a useful man. I began to wish Flossie would come down on the Boxer then.

Well, Wednesday morning Flossie had decided to spend that day at school and we were getting ready when in came Blanch showing signs of sleeplessness. She began to talk rapidly to Flossie and then she told Flossie to tell me what she had said and I learned that she could not sleep for thinking of what Flossie had told her about S.J. and she had decided Floyd was going this year whether the other boy came or not. Then the bell rang and I took the two of them over to school. Blanch has a little adopted boy in the Primary room and she was glad of the chance to go. Flossie said they sat together and every little while Blanch would whisper to her "Now when they go in swimming, be sure to tell the teacher who goes with them not to let Floyd go out too far at first," or some other thing equally important. Of course we were all glad to have Blanch come to that conclusion of her own free will. I had told my church friends that I wanted to get him out and the Junior Sunday School of the Palo Alto church has agreed to take over his tuition.

Thursday afternoon I had the girls of the Club in and they all seemed to have a good time and that evening Flossie led the Prayer Service for me. She spoke in Eskimo and everyone understood some of what she said. I wanted Robert to interpret for her but he evidently wanted to be certain she could talk Eskimo, so he assured her they could understand her and sat in his seat. I rather imagine that they have re-hashed it until they all know what she said. She tried to rouse them to a better sense of appreciation of the work of the Mission and the Government in thier behalf; to be more ambitious and to co-operate with us.

Friday afternoon I invited the women and the grown girls to meet her in the church at 1:30 and about 40 women came and all the youngsters the village has, so that our cinnamon rolls and cookies were spread out enough to allow each guest to have one of each! We had planned two of each, and realized early in the afternoon that our plans had gone amiss. Flossie told them lots of things they wanted to know while I was busy at home. I thought I'd not hustle over after they got settled down to visit, but let them alone and after a little they were visiting like old pals. The older people could understand her very well. Then I went over with the refreshments (each woman had brought her own cup and spoon) and then I sat and visited too. I called on Flossie to tell the things I wanted our women to know regarding her work at Barrow.

She has had 64 pupils and, because Mrs. Trindel is nervous, Flossie had to teach domestic science also. Then she has had a Sunday School class and interpreted for Doctor at the two services on Sunday, he gives at Barrow, going to the Point with him when he went and interpreting there, and she had Junior Endeavor beside all the rest. She said she would have to wash, iron, bake and clean her quarters on Saturday and that

that as soon as possible she would hurry home and go to bed, but during services she would see old Job, Mamie's mother and Stanley's old grandmother and decide to invite them home with her for dinner and she said they would be so glad to go with her, she would put the two old women on the floor with the little floor table between them and she and Job would sit at the regular table. I could just see those old people and know that they loved the girl for all they were worth and also know how they would hate to have her leave Barrow. She said when they left she would not be tired at all but glad she had helped to cheer them up.

~~Thanksgiving~~ She and Ina, who by the way lost her mother, father and two children in one year, baked a whole sack of flour into cinnamon rolls for Thanksgiving. She also made tapioca pudding and old Chechuk said she had put some medicine (vanilla) in it to keep them from getting sick after their feast. Christmas time she was busy every minute and made a cotton dress for every little tiny girl in Barrow!

She had nothing to cook with except her own supplies so after teaching them to bake bread and hot cakes and biscuits, she taught them different ways of cooking meat and she said they were very pleased to know that. The boys like Walton, Rex, Forest etc. wanted to learn to cook so she took them one at a time and let them go to her house and get a meal. I enjoyed hearing her tell of the things she did and the ways she taught them while she was there. A few of the mothers told her that their youngsters were so eager to get to school they would not eat their mush in the morning, so Flossie started a Health Program and gave them to understand they must drink a cup of milk and eat their cereal before coming to school in the morning, beside washing their hands, face, neck and ears and combing their hair every morning. All went well for a week or so then they reported no ceral at home or no milk and she asked if their parents used tobacco and when told they did she sent them word that the children needed milk and cereal much worse than they did tobacco and she said some of the parents got the milk and cereal and let the tobacco go. She was able to get very close to the people there. and she must have many very pleasant memories connected with them.

Of course I asked her about everyone I knew at Barrow and Wainwright and so many have passed on I think I would feel like a stranger in those villages if I were to return. Flossie puts on no airs; she is just her own natural self, willing to help everyone.

She told me about Roscoe; how well he is liked by the firm he works for; that Capt. Pederson wanted him to keep a store for him Eastward and Roscoe wanted to go but when he told the cold storage people they raised his wages so he would not go. She said he used to get up at five and paint until nearly eight, then dash to the cold storage and stay until five, then go to a restaurant and work until ten. She says his wife is a very nice person; they all love her very much; she is eager for them both to get into service and Mr. Hawksworth, the man now is Mr. Wagner's place in the B of E, wants to get them up at Barrow.

She says Percy is engaged to the sister of Roscoe's wife and that she is just as fine as she can be too. She thinks they will be married when Percy is thru college.

Mr. Morelander and Mr. Hawksworth both wrote very nice messages to her when she notified them she wanted to go back to S.J. and they told her she could have her job back again when she wanted it.

She said that a number of the Barrow natives want to go eastward to trap but they do not want to take their children out of school.

The Bureau talked of building a school eastof Barrow but Flossie told Mr. Trindel and Mr. Morelander that if they did many Barrow natives would move away,as living is so much easier eastward, so they got their heads together and Flossie counted 200 children who ought to go to school and 150 could be gathered in if they had a boarding school at Barrow. That seemed to be agreeable to Mr. Morelander and they talked it over quite earnestly and planned for it. Then Mr. Morelander and Mr. Trindel thought it would be a good idea to put in a high school course at Barrow for those who wish to go on. They suggested getting books and trying it out with a few of the most industrious ones.

They located a coal mine a few miles below Barrow,toward W- so the natives do not have to suffer with the cold as they did formerly.

I asked for Fred and Ruth and she said he was the same but that Ruth is very quiet and does not say anything. I wondered if Elizabeth is ruling that roost. Ruth used to be full of fun. Their baby is lovely.

Kate Allen is saving every cent of her wages; hasn't even house dresses, and is going out some day and have a good time. That is Jim's advise to her and he gave it to Flossie also and told her he did not think much of that Sheldon Jackson School. She was foolish to go out to school again; better save her money and go out with Kate and have a good time. Flossie does not argue much but after she makes up her mind she goes blissfully on. Kate goes to the natives' homes to see the sick and asks for tobacco to smoke,which the natives do not have. Flossie says they are disappointed to have her smoke. I said I wondered that Jim would let her do that snd she replied he did not know about it. He has fixed up a room for Kate in his warehouse and it is very comfortable the medicine is kept in Sheldon's room off the store. Kate told Flossie that Jennie Brower chose as her friends in the hospital the plainest girls intraining; she did not smoke or drink or chase around any. Mr. Brower told me she was going to take another year ofsurgical work after she graduated; that she was doing very well and loved her work. He seemed very pleased with her. This is very gossipy and please do not pass this letter on but I knew you would ask the same questions I did and absorbed all the rest that was given out freely.

Flossie had some great experiences with the Vincents and I think from the little I have heard regarding them that they are the end of the limit. One thing I'll pass on. They had dogs and kept them upstairs running loose all over up there and they also kept a big hunk of walrus meat up there for them to gnaw on when they felt inclined to take their meals; they (Vincents) never bothered to let them out or clean up and as Flossie used the stairs and hallway she had to do the cleaning and the odor of rotton meat was so strong her mother refused to stay with her when she came down to visit she preferred to stay at Solomon's. The walrus meat was right next to her rooms so she had the full benefit of the odor.

Old Amakok had a bath which Helen and Lee gave him and then he was put into clean clothes and given a house over near the hospital and the igloo he had was burned. The natives gave him a new sleeping bag and riggeed him all out in good style and he said he felt like a different man and they say he seems brighter too. Of course you want to hear about him. I can see him as he stood in the doorway all dressed up in the bathrobe for trousers, his shirt torn instrips and tied here and there and his cap and smile all set for a jaunt out on the tundra to hunt some food for us. He was clever in his arrangement of his bathrobe and the few bits of clothing he was given and he did not stay in bed, especially when his mind was set on running away!

She did not see Patsy before she left. All the boats came in about the same time. She said Andy is not much of a trapper and that the family is not getting along well.

Bert Panigeo is fine and is doing very well as native store manager. The store is getting squared around and was doing so well it was to be allowed to keep on. Mr. Morelander wired time and again to close it but afterBert got to running it he was pleased. Bert and Nellie have a new baby, a girl I believe.

Flossie said that the natives at Wainwright and many eastward are falling away from the church. She said Andrew came in greatly discouraged this spring and said he could do nothing but after staying in Barrow awhile and talking things over with Doctor and others he felt that he would not give up. They now have ten children and Susie is the youngest person eastward and always has time to keep every child clean and well dressed. Roy has six, Foster seven and Paul six so we need not worry about the Eskimo dying out at present. She says they are all doing well with their trapping and getting caribou etc.etc.

At Wainwright when Fred is not there the old natives use a verse of scripture which they have learned, as they cannot read and they hold their meetings without the help of the younger ones. Robert Ikok has decided that the second coming of Jesus Christ is all bosh. He said to Flossie,after she called him to account for not doing his share in church work, that folks have been waiting for that coming for a long time; that there was nothing to it. She talked earnestly with him about helping out with the meetings but he waa indifferent. The young people there smoke and stay away from the meetings and there are some illegitimate children in the village now. Some of the faithful ones are very fine and doing what they can to keep the church and S.S. going. I wish they had someone living there as a missionary. I liked the Wainwright natives.

Jane and Roxie are married and Flossie rather thought they might be kept at the Hospital. Jane is a fine nurse and loves the work; Roxie is extra fine too and Lee does not do what he is told many times and he has to be asked over and over to do things Miss Bailey wants done. Lee and Helen live in the Community house Dr. Newhall fixed up.

She said there were no igloos in the village of Barrow now but a lot of good houses. Walton was all packed and ready to go to S.J. with Flossie and Dr. took him out to the Boxer and Capt. Bush would not take him,saying there was no room for him. Flossie said that two rooms were not used on the way down. The Capt. had a lot to say about sending the children out to White Mt.; how they (BOxer) took they out one year and brought them back the next; he was sick of it and suggested that they wait until they get an outstanding pupil then send him. Walton was that and eager to go and they think he will make a good doctor or preacher. Miss Bailey wrote that they were all so disappointed that he could not go out and that he had gone east to herd for the Lomens who now have deer up there.

Flossie said that they got such a great lot of things this summer for the hospital and manse and Miss Bailey wrote that they got 700 lbs of rice, four cases of oranges etc.etc. Flossie said it was marvelous. She said they got things they have long wanted.

Mr. Hawksworth wrote to Flossie and suggested that she take up nursing as nurses get such good wages in the Government service but Mr. Morelander advises her to perfect herself in teaching and says that she has a great deal of talent in that direction. He wants her to finish High School at S.J. then take a year of Normal work, probably in Bellingham Wash.

Her brother George and Nora Gordon were married after Flossie left. Nora came down one year and went to school, living with Mrs. Brower who worked her so hard that her father said she could not return and live there. When Flossie heard about that she wrote to him to send [illegible] down to live with her but the letter reached him too late.

She spoke often of Mrs. Cole, of Juneau for whom she worked, and I had been told the woman worked her like a slave and that Flossie was all in when she returned to school. One day I asked, "Is she the woman who worked you so hard?" And Flossie said that she did not make her work, she had a lovely home and Flossie wanted to keep it nice; she knew how to take care of it and she loved to do what she did. The woman threw out all the sour milk she saw sitting in the pantry, so Flossie said she hid it until she had enough to make cottage cheese and they had it often. Finally Mrs. Cole spoke to her about buying cottage cheese so often; said they had it once in a while but not as often as she was serving it; they must cut the bills. Flossie told her she was making it and the woman hardly believed she knew how to make such good cheese but her bills showed no sign of it. Then it was the same thing over regarding whipping cream and Flossie told her she used the canned milk and showed her how she could whip that up and as Flossie did the ordering, she bought the cheaper cuts of meat and when the end of the season came the bills had been cut so much Mrs. Cole paid her extra money and gave her much praise. I believe there were three boys, one a baby for Flossie to look after as both parents worked down town, and often Mrs. Cole would tell the two older boys to take Flossie to the movie. There the natives and Indians etc. were told to sit up in the gallery and the first time they went to the movie the boys went where they were used to going and Flossie went up, as she knew that was the thing to do. The boys must have reported that when they got home because Mrs. Cole asked her where she sat and when told Mrs. Cole said she was not to sit there again; she would arrange to have her sit elsewhere and she saw the manager. Flossie can't say enough about the kindness of that family. She canned fruit all summer beside doing the cooking and the rest of the work. She evidently takes a great deal of pride in her work.

She and her mother are still as much to each other as they have been. Flossie said she came down this summer to see her and she did not ask her why she was going back- "she understands why" and I think I do too. I believe she was so lonely in Barrow that she simply could not stand it another year; she simply had to get away and get her balance. All her crowd is married and there is no one to run around with except the married women and the school children. Laura and Ina seem to have been her special friends and they worked with her and for her all they could. I asked about Guy, as I had thought he might get busy. She said he had gone to Herschel Island and spent the past year there, doing well. She said he got up in church once and confessed to much and asked their prayers and also said he felt he had become truly converted; he was ashamed and sorry for his "taking ways" and meant to reform.

Kate, Tommy's wife, started out to make life hard for her when she came back to the village but Flossie was not a bit afraid and evidently held her own.

Kate told her that she could have gone away to school too if

Flossie had not gone and used all the money offered to take Kate out. I told Flossie that I was in Barrow in 1925 when the folks were trying to get Kate lined up to go out with Percy but she preferred to stay and marry Tommy, so she had made her own choice and could not blame Flossie for that.

I am delighted with her and her reaction to things in general. She never complained or grumbled but she was always thinking of the glad things to be thankful for. Friday morning, when we felt the Boxer would surely come sometime during the day, I suggested that she take a good hot bath and launder her soiled clothes. She did it then she said "You are so good to me; I am very thankful to get all cleaned up for the Boxer trip. Not everybody would want me messing around."

Last Monday afternoon she and I called on every family except those in South village and the people who were at home were delighted. One old woman gave her some reindeer fat, which Flossie ate. Then the next morning Katie's mother came in and asked Flossie to go there for lunch at twelve. I took her up and when she returned she said they had duck soup, tea and biscuits and everything was nice and clean. The people told her they had wanted to ask her before but they feared she would not eat in their houses; the girls who had come up from Nome never would. In a few minutes after she got home Kate came rushing in with two fine white fish for us. Flossie is very fond of them. The next Wednesday Esther invited her three for lunch and she said she had a good time there too. We called on everybody in south village Thursday and some of the old people kept hanging on to her, asking questions and when the boat came Friday P.M. about four nearly everyone in the village was there to bid her good-bye and one old woman brought a bag of dried meat for her, another gave her a pair of slippers which were very pretty. They all asked her to come back and to write us often and she said to me "I've had the best time here; I never thought these natives would treat me so well; they have been fine to me and I'd like to come again."

I feel she has done a good deal for them as well as for myself. I know I have a better understanding of them now; she has told me much that they have said. I thought they were an ungrateful, unappreciative lot but they all assured her they did appreciate my work and what I have done to bring them help. The old people told her they wished they could talk English so they could come to my house often and talk to me; they liked me very much and were glad I am here. Of course that is gratifying to me and makes me happier and will help me forget the first unhappy year here.

I wish you could have had the visit with her that I have had and I am certain you would feel as I do, thankful for the small bit we have done to help her.

Flossie said that everyone in Barrow loved the Morgans. One morning she heard three old men, Choochuck for one, talking and they said they wished the Morgans would never go out; then they wondered if they wrote to the "headman outside" and asked him to let the Morgans stay in Barrow and teach the school, if the Morgans would stay. He was commissioner while Mr. Brower was out and he did a good, thorough job of it and is loved for it. When natives come there to eat, Mrs. Morgan sets the floor table and they eat there with the natives who do not like to sit at the other kind and that, naturally, makes the natives like them. I can't begin to tell you the things she said about the Morgans. Mr. M- is a Mormon but his wife joined our church in Barrow. Beverley is an unspoiled little girl, whom they all love. She drives her own three dogs and feeds them and I judge she spent much time with Flossie. They expect to stay in two more years.

She said h.t everyone was scolding her because she had not written them as she did while in Sitka but that after getting out the monthly report for her 64 youngsters and answering a l the foolish questions she had to answer for t h Bureau, she was so tired she sim ly c ould not write letters. She played out of doors for an hour and a half every day after school, as she felt she needed the fresh air then she had to get supper and clean up her kitchen, then if no one came in she went out rather than stay alone. Mrs. Trindel is a very nervous woman and Flossie felt she had to pussy foot around in her rooms in o rder not to disturb her, so she got out whenever she could but often the youngsters went up there. She said she had not forgotten her friends and wo.ld write this year again.

Well, you must be tired so I'll s top. This is Sunday afternoon Oct. 4th and I have had no services as all the people except some few women and little children are at Tin City for the butchering. Flu is in this section again and I made some house calls this morning and found everyone better. At Nome they h ad to c lose the schools.

Our School Supt., Mr. Robinson, was on the Boxer and he put his oar in and paddled a bit when Capt. Bush was asked to take Floyd out, so the boy is going along with Flossie. Mr. Hemsing came back home last night to radio to Teller, and he told me the news. Bush is not much like Capt. Whitlam, who has had to s tay in Seattle this year with Herman to watch t he building of their new boat. I expect when my furlough time comes along to go out on the new boat, which will have plenty o f room.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ann V. Bannan

May 31, 1932

Miss Ann Bannan
Wales, via Nome
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan:

Your letter of May 3rd has reached me this morning and I have already written to the Postmaster General, joining in the request that a special stamp be issued to commemorate the landing of the two Russians in 1732. They could make a very striking stamp out of this event and I trust that they will find it possible to do so.

At any rate, I am giving it all the publicity that I can.

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

AJM-VP

May 31, 1932

Postmaster General of the United States
The Hon. Walter F. Brown
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Brown:

I understand from correspondence with Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska, that there is some interest being displayed in the matter of securing an anniversary stamp to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the landing of Ivan Federoff and Michael Gwozdeff near Cape Prince of Wales.

Our Board conducts mission work at this point- the westernmost point of Continental America. We are very much interested in this proposal and if the suggestion is practicable and feasible under present conditions, I would join in urging that this special commemorative stamp be issued.

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

AJM-VP

Wales, Alaska, June 30, 1932.

AUG 1 1932

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

Last evening Lewis called in and brought his letters from you for me to read. He did not get the June Women and Missions magazine so I let him take mine.

The Metro-Goldwyn Movie Co. was on its way to Barrow and stopped at Teller to get in touch with natives. Then, instead of coming up here to see our natives, word was sent for them to go to Teller; their traveling expenses would be paid and they would be given five dollars each for reporting. A plane was sent to Shishmaref with the same suggestion but the ice has been too bad for travel this way from that village. Three oomiak loads went down. They feel the Lomens were mixed up in that, so that the money they received would be left at that store instead of at our village stores. Yesterday the boat with the movie people was here and the men came ashore and read the list of names of our people who were chosen for the picture. Mrs. Hemsing served tea and ran over for me to go and meet them and help out, which of course I did gladly. The men all seem very agreeable and pleasant. They are not going to Barrow but will stay at Teller.

As soon as our men got down to Teller Carl Lomen flew over from Nome and brought a Doctor somebody with him, whom he introduced to Lewis as a "meat Doctor". Lewis says he did not get any other name. Carl assured Lewis he was a good man and knew allabout meat. Later Lewis asked the man who he was and where from but got no satisfaction. He said the man did not try to do anything- just stood around. Carl had another petition which he wanted signed. Lewis said, "Carl ask me to sign his petition. He try to look as honest and kind as he could. The petition say all who signed it wanted the Lomens to stay in this range; they were honest people. I said we would not sigh. Then Carl talk but we would not sign. Later I ~~was~~ saw him and he did not look so kind." I said it was a blessed good thing they did not sign such a petition; their goose or reindeer would have certainly been cooked had they done it.

Mozee has wired in to Mr. Hemsing asking if they will sell some deer, saying they were making the offer to all the natives around here. Everyone knows that the range is eaten over and all that. The price was so very low Mr. Hemsing wondered what the meat would be used for. He needs money for the next year's stock of goods for here. The natives refused to sell at the first meeting and at the next they said they'd sell for $3 a deer, which is much more than the original or first price. I do not know how it will turn out. Mrs. H- said to me the natives were unwilling to accept any offer which they thought might come from the Lomens and I replied I did not blame them. I also said I thought very likely if the deer were sold and money was turned over it would be applied on this last bill which was presented by the Lomens which I wrote to you about recently. I'll be surprised if they get any money for their stock of goods.

I hope the new men will be the right sort and will teach the natives a great deal concerning care of their deer. At present the natives are very tired of herding and the cost of the deer is too much for the native store but since deer were turned over for payment of stock in the company, the store has to take care of the herders. Last year the expense went up into the thousands and this year Mr. Hemsing is struggling to get enought money for a small order.

July 9,1932.

P?S. Captain Backland came here the 30th of June and anchored between ten and eleven. The teachers and natives went out but I stayed here as I expected the supplies would be coming in and I had to take care of them. After a while the people all came back and reported that he did not want to unload that night; wait until eight oclock next morning. The teachers said the natives had come out to longshore but of course they felt they could not say too much. The natives told him it might be windy next day and it certainly was and has continued to blow very hard from the south. It seems to be trying to calm down now but for days the sea has been boiling.

We heard over the radio Thursday that a mail boat would leave Nome the 9th if the Victoria got in, so for fear the boat will come along tomorrow morning while I am busy with Sunday School, the mail is going to be taken over.to the postoffice.

I can r eport on the supplies in some other letter. We have had lovely sunshine most of these ten days.

Hastily-

Anna Bannan

Wales, Alaska, July 22, 1932.

Alaska

Dr. A. J. Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

The Holmes was unloaded here on Sunday the 10th and I got everything listed except the butter and denatured alcohol. Mr. Hemsing sent a message to the Nanuk, asking that it send on to Kotzebue the message. We expect that some ship will be leaving the two things before long. The mail boat is due tomorrow and it may leave them. I have enough butter for a few months but not enough for another year. Everything was delivered in excellent condition.

I did not see Capt. Backland. The night he came I thought he would have the supplies sent in, as our men went out, and I did not want to leave the house open with no one in it, so I stayed at home. The teachers said he wished I'd take fifteen tons of coal; the schooner was loaded very heavily and more had to be taken on at Kotzebue. I took ten tons, as I had no place to put more. On account of weather I am 4 Sacks short of ten tons.

I found that only half a pound of each kind of tea was sent and I had to have more, so I sent out for two pounds but got just one. I also had to get raisins and macaroin from the Holmes. I am enclosing the bill.

The captain sent in a head a cabbage and a big ruta baga to the teachers and me and we have enjoyed them very much. We both have fine lettuce and plenty of it. I also have cress and parsley while the teachers have radishes. Next year I hope to have the same sort of cold frame they have.

I got two boxes of mission things from the Seattle churches-~~full of~~ very nice things. Then the Northland came in last Saturday and delivered two boxes from the Womens' S.S. Class of San Diego and a lot more very useful things arrived. I now have more than I had last year at the end of the season and so far we have had two deliveries of mail. More has been sent. I am very surprised that so much has come in to us and I know positively the natives wont believe a word I tell them about the depression Outside after they get their packages this Christmas.

The church looks much better with this fine new heater set up and everyone is very happy about that. The evening it was set up, after prayer service, I said that if anyone wanted to send the Board some special message regarding that gift I'd gladly send it on. Several came in and smiled and said "Thank you for the stove; it is fine." Recently some have been calling and saying that their family wanted to thank the Board for that fine stove and added "We needed it and are glad to have it." We did not use the damper and only the first length of pipe. Of course we have not had a fire in it yet but we are all satisfied it will be just what we need. Thank you for sending such a good stove. Now the men are going to repair the pews and sod up around the east and south sides, so it will be more comfortable this winter.

The Northland stayed three days and the dentist and doctor did a lot of work for the natives. The Captain this year was the Executive Officer of the Bear in 1922-23, so we had plenty to talk about. I like his ideas. He said we expected to stay at each village long enough so that both doctors could do all the work that needed to be done. I asked the carpenter for some help regarding glue and how to clean a brush that had been used to put glue on. They both asked if I had the glue and paint and I assured them I did but I was uncertain about cleaning the brush after the job was done. The captain told the man to bring up one of his old brushes for me and some fluid which he uses on the ship for cleaning brushes.

A New York church sends dressings in such quantities that I gave the doctor one box of them, which he was glad to have. He always helps me very much and leaves me medicine every trip, so that was only fair.

The carpenter is also a good photographer and he took some snapshots here Saturday and had them ready to sell the next day and I am sending one which is excellent and which you will be glad to have. It shows the church better than any other I have found and also how close the Sea is to the houses at this point.

Dr. Waugh sent me two splendid enlargements; one of the hospital at Barrow and the other of the Northland in ice. He had taken the negatives. I amdelighted to get them both. The hospital is exceptionally fine.

One native who has a family of girls and is hard up came to me for some of the mission cloth for parka covers. I had just what Miss Mueller had sent in this summer, so I hesitated, as it did not seem right to give him all the large patterns. Then he said he would work for the cloth and be glad to, so that changed things quite a bit. I had some work about the yard in front of the house that I wanted done and yet did not want to charge the expense to the Board and I could not do it all myself. So that is now done very well. Everyone says the place looks much better and we hope it will also help the floors to be less drafty. Then I found that the dispensary door was not as good as the one on the coal shed and so those two doors have been changed and fitted so they are tight in both places. *This job I charged to Bd.*

I've told several churches that I have enough bedding but they evidently like to make the comforters so continue to send them. Now I am going to have things done about the house and pay with bedding, so it will help the natives and also give the women a chance to make more. I can always find work for others to do. Let the good work go on, say I. As I get the jobs done I'll report them to you. As soon as I can I shall get a picture of the front of the house showing the change.

I can think of nothing else that you ought to know about Wales and us. Some of our natives are hired to take part in a motion picture being made now and Robert Mayo and Philip (who was our Santa Claus in 1929) are asked to finish the picture in California. Robert is the hero but I do not know what Philip's part is. They have had an old-time native village built fifteen miles up the river from Teller. They are using their old-time implements and they planned to go to Barrow but by the time they got to Pt.Hope they had all the hunting scenes they wished for so returned to Teller to finish up.

Dr. Brower

August 4, 1932

Miss Ann Bannan
Wales via Nome
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan:

This letter will be in reply to your letters of June 28th and June 30th. I have been exceedingly interested in the reaction of the natives at Wales to the Lomen Company. A letter dated July 2nd has been received, at the same time with your mail, from Louis, in which he told me about the petition. It was the finest thing that the natives ever did, to refuse to sign that petition. If they had signed it, it would have been impossible to explain away the fact down at Washington. The Lomens are very shrewd and long-sighted and every request which they make ought to be looked into with a great deal of care.

I must tell you at this point of a change of relationship that is pending, in order that you may understand the situation. Our Board closed the year, April first, with a deficit of half a million. It was necessary, of course, to reduce the work, not only on the field, but especially at headquarters. In consequence of this situation, six of us at headquarters have been let out, as of October first. My Alaska work will after that date be the entire responsibility of Dr. John M. Somerndike. Dr. Somerndike is a very well equipped man to carry on this sort of work. He has for many years had charge of the work of Sunday School Missions and you will find that he is interested, kind and efficient. In laying down the work the one thing which I cherish more than everything else is the intimate acquaintance which I have been able to obtain with the Alaska missionaries.

In one of your letters you ask whether it would be well for you to tell your church that you would try to get on for $50.00 a month. In this particular case I am happy to say that it would not do at all to make such a suggestion to them. They not only have the money, but they are so much interested in your work that they will not allow it to be reduced by a penny. I hope that you will feel free in your mind about this matter and in the future you will eliminate it as a possible source of worry. I am sure that you have enough in the situation, itself, to call for all of your thought and attention.

I take it from what you say that the Metro-Goldwyn Movie Company is not going to Barrow. From Dr. Greist's correspondence I imagine that this will be both a relief and a disappointment. It will be a relief because of his fear that some of the Movie people might not be the sort that would promote the best religious atmosphere in Barrow. At the same time, I could see all along that he was very anxious to have them, and he even discussed in one of his letters the possibility of establishing a special service in English for the whites.

I am enclosing a statement which has just been handed to me by Miss Kauffmann of the Treasurer's office. Please check it up and see how it coincides with the accounts which you and Mr. Hemsing have.

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

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Enc.

Wales, Alaska, June 28,1932.

Dr. A. J. Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

AUG 1 1932

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

Yesterday we got the mail,which we had not expected until July. As a rule we have to wait two months after May 3d for the mail but the Baldwin, a freighter, left the mail and I have several letters from you and 65 other letters beside 26 packages and magazines galore.

I am glad to have your good letters as I have wondered a lot about some of the things you have settled for me. I'll begin with the statements for the Native Store.

In February 1931 I sent you two statements from the N.S. one for my own account and the other for the Board. Mine was $55. 44. You wrote that the accounts would be taken care of. Last July the Seattle bank sent a statement and there was no mention of either of these amounts. In the fall I wrote again about it to know if you had paid it or what had happened. My statement had come from Mr. Parker and the amount had not been deducted from my salary up to July. The N. S. needed the money and there was talk of interest being charged, so I sent you another statement in December and sent my own to Mr. Parker and requested him to pay it and deduct the first amount if it had been charged to me. He wrote back in January that he had paid the full amount- $147 plus. Then in May Mr. Hemsing got another statement from the bank and that time there was an item he could not understand so he wired to the bank for information regarding it and was informed the Presbyterian Board had sent that amount. He had checked my account but came over to see if I could help him with the other. By adding the amount I had sent in February,1931 and yours he solved his mystery. As I see it; my account has been paid twice but it was not charged to me by the Board. This was the account I referred to and not that of May 29,1930 for $44.95,as per statement which you enclosed with your letter of May 5th,which I am returning.

Yours truly,

Wm V Duncan

Wales, Alaska, June 28,1932.

Dr. A. J. Montgomery
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

AUG 1 1932

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

I am glad to have the information regarding the reindeer business, Thank you for it. I hope it will be settled soon and that the Lomens will vacate this range.

The Reindeer Supt. at Teller, Mr. Stafford, who came in last fall is a fine man and well liked by the natives as well as the white people. At present he, Mr. Schmidt (another Supt.) and our Stepehn Okbaok, a herder belonging here, are having a round-up at Igloo and Teller and next month will come here. Stephen is a very "slippery" native and he is a likeable sort too but to date one we all have to class as "No Good." We are hoping his contact with Mr. Stafford will be beneficial.

Mr. Mozee has wired an offer to sell some deer at once but the price is very low and the natives do not want to sell as they mistrust the Lomens. I do not know the outcome of the second meeting yet. Mr. Hemsing is very anxious to get some cash so he can buy a bigger supply of staples for the coming winter and he feels this is a chance to get some cash. I doubt it but of course it is possible I am mistaken inmy judgment.

We have not seen the two or three men who have been appointed to investigate the Reindeer business but they will come next month probably, unless they are on the Northland, which we are expecting every day. I hope they will do all we hope they will.

In this mail I had a letter from Mr. Andrews too. I know he is honest and sincere and he surely deserves a great deal of praise and credit for the work he has done for the natives. I shall be glad, indeed, when it is satsifactorily settled and the Lomen Corporation is out of this range. The trouble is, no one wants that group in any section of Alaska. Our natives cannot buy their plant at Teller.

Thank you for giving me permission to have the old mission building wrecked. I think I shall have it done this summer when the building dries out and then have the lumber piled in the church until times are better. The lumber will be dry and safe and ready for use. If it is left as it is, some time in a big storm it will be wrecked and all the natives will grab the lumber and then if we want to build, lumber will have to be brought in from the states. The shingles have been off ever since I came here and much of the inside has been taken out. Dr. Greist had to take some for the partitions in this building which I live in.

Since last year Mr. Hemsing has had a door put on the two school rooms which are off the big room used by the natives as a work shop, and now the natives can work over there during school

hours and not disturb the teachers and pupils. They have had the mission work bench, which Dr. Greist was very proud of, over there for years, also one belonging to the Government. Now the tools are nicely arranged, many of which are ours, and people are more satisfied than they were a year ago. The men were very eager to build a place where they could do their repair work and visit as they used to do years ago in the old Koshges. I talked Community House and several said they thought that would be fine but later Lewis and Robert told me the older native men wanted a place for their work- not any place for social affairs. Maybe after my furlough we can all agree on the sort of place we should have here and I think I had better have the building torn down and the lumber taken care of while I am here.

I am very sorry that the year closed with such a deficit. I know you have all worked very hard to keep it as low as it is.

I want to ask you about something which I have had on my mind for the past few weeks. I would like to tell my church that I can manage to get along on $50 a month from July until times are better. The people in that church for years have managed to live on a certain income which they thought would be permanent but the present state of affairs of course affected many of those incomes. The minister, Mr. Morrison, wrote to me nearly a year ago about this. What I wondered about was whether my pension would have to be reduced because I am asking for a lower salary. These people have been so splendid to me I am glad to work for less, and help them. When you decide this, you may write to them if you wish, as it will take time to get a reply back to me and I would like to have it begin in July.

I note what you say regarding furlough and that you would like to have me keep on here after furlough. I have been thinking of asking to stay on next year, if times are not better, rather than go Out. It costs so much to get me out and back again- I could put in two years for that amount- at least the maintenance for that length of time would be cared for. I have no home and several of my friends have had loses and all sorts of trouble. It seems to me I might better stay on and write letters and send pictures out telling of the work here rather than go around the states telling of the work when people do not have the money to give toward it. If I am well, I prefer staying on the job and I certainly expect to stay well. The dentist on the Northland has always looked my teeth over.

Of course, I am very glad to have you say the "nice things" about my work and to know that you want me to continue in this service. I like my work very much and I am liking the work here better all the time. The other day Blanche said some of the natives wished I would not go home but stay here with them. I did not tell her that I was going to ask for such that. I was happy to know that they have talked it over and decided on wanting me here.

I have the bills and receipts from Mr. Gould for my supplies. Thank you for sending everything, even the stove for the

church. We have needed that ever since I came here. The partition has been a big saving of fuel but the ittle stove is very poor. One of Arthur's has been ruined and an old one is also ruined and not as safe as the one we have been using for the past year. We will all be very glad to have a new one.

I expect to ask for eight or ten tons of coal. Its better to have toomuch than not enough. I was hoping for the celotex for the ceilings but I wrote about that on a letter and did not mention it on the list of wants, so it was missed. I have a lot more cartons which I will put up over head this fall. and add some more coal sacks. I'll get along all right this year. I am thankful for the things I willget. I was relieved to find that the oven door spring did not cost much!

When Mr. Dahle was here in the spring he noticed my coal oil can made into a lampshade and asked who made it. I explained that I bossed that job and was very proud of it. He said they needed some and he was going to steal my patent. In May Miss Lien, the nurse and Mrs. Goshaw, wife of a white trader, of Shishmaref drove the Goshaw dogs down and spent two days with me. They said they all had the lampshades now like mine.

Captain Backland had not been heard of since he left last week Wednesday Seattle. We are expecting him to drop anchor here at any time now. The Derblay spent a week around here waiting for ice to clear out but last night reported a safe arrival at Shishmaref.

I have not received my report blanks for the year.

It had been so long since I had had a long newsy letter from you, that I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed reading your letters over.

I hope you will have a good vacation this year and that this coming year wont be as strenuous as the past one has been.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ann Bannan

P.S. I still have lemons and at Easter fixed up an Easter tray (box) of eats for the Hemsings and gave each an orange and lemon! Now, of course, the oranges are gone but I have several dozen lemons. Thank you again for the two cases of oranges last year. I have potatoes and onions yet. All of Polets stuff was extra good last fall.